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## Seagulls downed by Lambert's second-half treble



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**SAINTS 3 BRIGHTON 0: ADKINS' MEN EXTEND**

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worked out to Lambert on the right of the area.

He slid a pass into Guly do Prado, whose first-time shot was blocked by a Brighton defender. Saints appealed for handball, but referee Peter Walton waved away their protests.

Guly cut inside from the left in the 11th minute and fired a long distance effort at goal, but Steve Harper was able to gather the shot at his near post without much trouble.

Walton let Danny Fox off with a warning soon after, as he clipped Craig Noone on the halfway line.

The Albion forward then found some space just outside the area in the 14th minute, but hit his left foot shot way over the bar, as the visitors created their first opening.

Saints went straight down the

other end in search of a goal, with Lambert lifting a left-foot cross to the back post, where Guly was just unable to make contact with his head.

The Brazilian was shown a yellow card by Walton in the 24th minute for a late sliding tackle on Marcos Painter midway inside Albion's half.

The Brazilian forward then went to ground very easily in the area, as he lifted the ball past Lewis Dunk.

Walton, once again, showed no interest in awarding Saints a spot kick.

Jose Fonte's chip forward in the 27th minute was nodded down by Lambert into the path of Richard Chaplow, who had run on beyond him, but the midfielder was unable to get the ball under control as he burst into the box.

Saints were the ones doing the



pressing by this stage, with Lambert's header across goal being gathered up by Harper.

The Saints forward was becoming increasingly frustrated at what he appeared to see as some heavy-handed defending from the visitors.

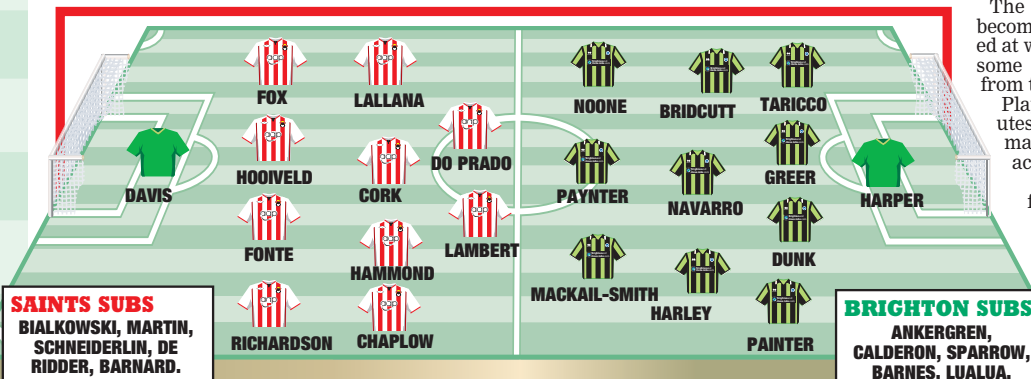
Play stopped for a few minutes just after the half-hour mark, as Noone and Fox accidentally clashed heads.

Adkins tweaked the mid-field formation, switching to a diamond, with Adam Lallana moving in behind the front two.

Lambert headed Fox's corner towards goal seven minutes before the break, but it was straight at Harper.

Kelvin Davis had to be alert to claim a long ball out of Brighton's defence right on the edge of his area, as Craig Mackail-Smith looked to get onto it.

But neither side could create any significant opportunity, as the match reached half-time at 0-0.



### TEAM NEWS

NIGEL Adkins made one change to the side that beat Coventry 4-2 for the clash with Brighton.

Skipper Dean Hammond returned to the starting lineup, in place of Morgan Schneiderlin, who dropped to the bench.

Hammond partnered Jack Cork in the centre of midfield.

The in-form Guly do Prado continued to partner Rickie Lambert in attack, with Lee Barnard earning a place on the bench.

There was no place in the squad for David Connolly, as the striker missed out with an injury.

Albion fielded one-time Saints target Craig Mackail-Smith in attack alongside Billy Paynter.

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# Saints Spotlight

## ST MARY'S WINNING STREAK TO 20 GAMES

# AT RACES RUNS RIOT



**LEFT:** Rickie Lambert makes it 1-0.

**RIGHT:** Dean Hammond and Marcos Painter battle for the ball.

**BELOW:** Guly Do Prado and Lewis Dunk get physical.



To here what Saints fans thought of today's south coast derby victory log onto [dailyecho.co.uk](http://dailyecho.co.uk) and click on the Daily Echo Video News section of the website.



The deadlock was at last broken four minutes after the restart, though, as Richardson again got down the right wing.

He cut onto his left foot and curled an in-swinging cross to the far post, where Lambert powered home a header.

Saints thought they had a penalty moments later, as Hammond burst through on the left side, with Harper appearing to bring him down.

But Walton awarded Brighton a free-kick and booked the midfielder for diving.

Saints did get a spot-kick in the 55th minute, as Dunk tripped Fonte on the right side of the area.

It was an extremely dubious decision, with Fonte appearing to be outside the box by about half a yard.

Saints will feel it was justified, though, after all the other claims they had turned down.

Brighton right back and assistant manager Mauricio Taricco was then shown a red card after arguing the decision.

Following quite a delay, Lambert stepped up and sent Harper the wrong way to double the lead.

Gus Poyet then made his first change, taking off Ryan Harley and replacing him with former Saints target Inigo Calderon.

Adkins countered that by swapping Hammond for Morgan Schneiderlin.

Lambert should have completed his hat-trick in the 63rd minute, as he got put in down the left, but his shot across goal went just wide – although it appeared Harper may have

got a touch to it.

Alan Navarro was lucky to escape red for a bad challenge on Jack Cork.

Lambert had a big appeal for another penalty turned down three minutes later, as he appeared to be bundled over by Dunk as he looked to get on the end of Fox's delivery.

Poyet substituted Billy Paynter and Navarro for Ashley Barnes and Matt Sparrow.

But nothing the Brighton boss did could stop a rampant Saints side.

It was 3-0 in the 69th minute, after Calderon tripped the irrepressible Lambert in the box, gifting Saints another penalty.

Lambert again made no mistake from the spot, firing the ball into the top corner, after a retake, to complete his hat-trick.

Guly blazed over from a good position moments later, as Saints threatened to completely embarrass the Seagulls.

Lallana was taken off in the 77th minute, with Steve De Ridder coming on in his place.

And Lee Barnard was brought on in the 81st minute for his first league appearance of the season, replacing Guly.

Frustration was boiling over for Brighton, with Noone yellow carded for berating one of Walton's assistant referees.

Lambert was close to a fourth goal in the 86th minute, connecting with a diving header from Richardson's cross, only to put his effort straight at Harper.

Noone had a chance to grab a consolation for Brighton in injury time with a free-kick just outside the area.

But his left foot effort missed the goal, instead finding the Northam End, before Barnard headed over, nearly capping his comeback with a goal.

There was still time for Barnes to be booked for dissent, before Walton brought proceedings to an end.

## Nigel hails turnaround

NIGEL Adkins heaped praise on his players after they produced a devastating second-half performance in the 3-0 win over Brighton.

A dull game sparked into life after the break, with Rickie Lambert netting a hat-trick to see off a dogged Albion team at St Mary's.

Adkins wasn't happy with his side's display in the first half, but was thrilled with their performance in the second period.

"I think you've got to give Brighton a little bit of credit in the first half, because they've come and controlled the football far too much – more than anybody's done probably at St Mary's this season," he said.

"They gave us one or two challenges that we had to sort out.

"Great credit to the players, because they've gone and done that.

"We've come out in the second half and we've had to adapt our shape a little bit.

"We highlighted that before the game and we've come out second half and done well.

"It was a great goal from Rickie Lambert.

"We talked about how the width had to come from the full backs to get the crosses in there.

"We didn't get nowhere near enough in the first half when the opportunities were on.

"We didn't pass the ball quick enough – we gave it away far too cheaply – and we allowed Brighton to get a little bit of control of the football.

"But great credit to the players, they turned it round and Lambert scores a great hat-trick.

"We controlled the second half, kept our discipline, so it was a pleasing three points."



**DOUBLE TEAM:** Frazer Richardson, left, and Jack Cork, right, put the squeeze on Billy Painter.

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# Saints Spotlight



## CHAMPIONSHIP

### Hammers win to stay in touch

NIGEL Adkins' Saints remain five points clear of second-placed West Ham, who fought back from a half-time deficit to defeat struggling Coventry 2-1.

Hosts Coventry, looking for only a second win in 11 league games, took a 33rd minute lead through Clive Platt but two goals in six second half minutes from Carlton Cole and Frederic Piquionne earned West Ham the points.

Third-placed Middlesbrough lost ground on the leading pair after they were held 2-2 at home by Blackpool.

Scott McDonald twice put Boro in front, but they were cancelled out by efforts from Ludovic Sylvestre and Jonjo Shelvey.

That result allowed fourth-placed Cardiff to close the gap on Boro to one point after they claimed a 2-1 win at Reading, Peter Whittingham opening the scoring in the second minute and Mark Hudson adding a second 20 minutes from time before Reading pulled a goal back through Jimmy Kebe.

In the day's early kick-off, a late double from Robert Snodgrass earned Leeds a 2-1 comeback win over Burnley at Turf Moor.

Burnley had taken a 10th minute lead through a Jay Rodriguez header but Snodgrass struck in the 76th and 89th minutes to help Leeds claim the win and move into the top five.

Hull enjoyed the ideal start under new caretaker manager Nick Barmby as they picked up a 2-0 away win over Derby. Both goals came in the opening 23 minutes with Matt Fryatt and Cameron Stewart the men on target.

Former England midfielder Barmby was this week named as the Tigers' caretaker boss after Nigel Pearson returned to npower Championship rivals Leicester.

Marcus Tudgay scored a stoppage-time winner to earn Nottingham Forest a 3-2 home victory over Ipswich.

Ipswich had twice led through goals from Danny Collins, but Forest hit back with strikes from Robbie Findley, Joel Lynch and Tudgay – the last two goals coming in the final six minutes.

Birmingham and Peterborough played out a 1-1 draw, with Marlon King's first half effort being cancelled out by Grant McCann's free-kick on the hour.

Doncaster remain rooted to the foot of the table after going down 2-0 at Barnsley, for whom Craig Davies netted both goals.

Doncaster finished the match with 10 men following the 72nd minute dismissal of substitute Adam Lockwood.

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**DAVE Jones believes Saints would still be in the Premier League if false allegations of child abuse hadn't cost him his job at the club.**

Nearly 12 years have now passed since the sickening claims – relating to Jones' time as a care worker in Merseyside – derailed his career on the south coast.

The then Saints boss was accused of, and charged with, a series of harrowing sexual and physical offences against children.

"I really mean it, I would rather have been charged with murder," says a forceful Jones, who recounts the horrific ordeal in his updated autobiography, *No Smoke No Fire*.

The disgusting extent of his accusers' deceit would ultimately be exposed, as a court case against him collapsed within days of it starting.

Those who had pointed the finger at him – who were all in prison at the time they made their claims – either pulled out of giving testimony or admitted under oath that they had fabricated their stories.

They had been told that they could expect compensation if a conviction was secured.

But, while father-of-four Jones reclaimed the most important thing of all – his life – the lies were enough to cost him his position as manager of Saints.

Against his wishes, Jones had been suspended on full pay in January 2000, by then chairman Rupert Lowe, in order to concentrate on his upcoming trial.

By the time he was exonerated, Glenn Hoddle was at the helm at The Dell.

It was clear that Jones' stay at the club was coming to an end, and his contract was paid up.

History dictates that Hoddle abandoned ship little more than a year after taking charge and, although a memorable spell under Gordon Strachan would follow, Saints were relegated from the Premier League in 2005.

Had he been allowed to continue, Jones believes the club's fate would have been very different.

"They would never have been relegated, I know that, under me," said the 55-year-old.

"But they went down the road they took and it didn't work out for them."

Jones was poached from Stockport to take over at Saints in 1997, and was voted Premier League manager of the year by his peers after his first season at the club.

"I think over the years we would have survived and been in the Premiership," he insisted.

"There was a plan in place, and we were halfway through it."

"The plan was to dismantle the old team, with the likes of Tiss

# Jones: Saints wouldn't have gone down if I had been in charge



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**GOING WELL:** Dave Jones, left, urges Saints on in a match against Derby in 1999.

(Matt Le Tissier).

"I'm good friends with him, so I'm not speaking out of turn. But the plan was not to rely on him as much as we had in the past."

"We had the likes of Kevin Davies and Dean Richards, and the side was getting younger."

"Gordon Strachan said to me that

when the club went to the FA Cup final it was largely with players we started to bring through, so that was good."

"It was always a tough job, but one that I really enjoyed."

For Jones, it is always a case of 'what might have been' at Saints – and he still resents being denied the

chance to see things through.

"I never wanted it to stop, but it did because of Rupert's decision," he said.

"It affected my career massively. It took me out of the Premiership. It took me out of something I worked so hard for."

"I felt let down by certain people

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# Saints Spotlight



## Down Memory Lane



### November 20 1976

Jim Montgomery lets in three goals in his last appearance for Saints on loan from Sunderland. Lawrie McMenemy's side are beaten 3-1 at The Dell by Bolton, Ted MacDougall replying. Hughie Fisher also makes his last Saints appearance in the game.

### November 20 1991

Barry Horne scores the only goal as Saints defeat Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 in a League Cup third round replay at The Dell.

### November 21 1970

Jimmy Gabriel scores the only goal as Saints beat Manchester United at The Dell in front of a bumper crowd of 30,202.

### November 21 1998

Steve Basham, on as a sub, scores his only Premiership goal for Saints in a 2-0 victory at Blackburn Rovers. Matt Oakley had earlier opened the scoring.

### November 22 1980

Wayne Pratt makes his one and only league appearance for Saints in a 2-0 home win over Leeds United. Mick Channon and Charlie George score the goals.



**FLASHBACK:** Steve Basham is mobbed after his goal at Blackburn.

### November 22 1986

A crowd of only 5,930 bother to turn up at Selhurst Park to see Saints win a First Division game 3-1 against Charlton. Jimmy Case, George Lawrence and Colin Clarke are on target.

### November 23, 1968

Ron Davies nets both goals in a 2-1 Dell success against Spurs.

### November 23 1991

Alan Shearer scores the only goal in a 1-0 home win over Chelsea in front of only 14,933 at The Dell.

### November 23 2002

Agustin Delgado nets a rare goal in Saints colours in a thrilling 3-2 home victory over Arsenal. James Beattie nets the other two goals, including a penalty.

### November 24, 1982

Saints thrash Manchester City 4-0 in a League Cup third round replay at The Dell. Goals arrive from Steve Williams, Steve Moran, David Puckett and Nick Holmes.

### November 24 1984

Saints beat Newcastle United 1-0 at The Dell with a goal from David Armstrong.



**CAPTION:** Dave Jones at home with his wife, Anne.

it in the manner they should have.

"That's the part that really rangles with me and my wife."

It took just four days of the trial at Liverpool Crown Court in November 2000 before the judge called a halt to proceedings, throwing out and completely discrediting the Crown Prosecution Service's case.

But, with his accusers already in prison and unable to be publicly named, Jones never felt he received a fair deal.

"I never actually got the justice I felt I should have got," he said.

"Their sentences should have been tripled.

"I was found not guilty, but I never got my justice, because these people didn't get what I thought they deserved."

Jones did go on to rebuild his career, though, taking Wolves into the Premier League, before enjoying six good years at Cardiff.

But, even then, ignorant sections of supporters would still holler sick abuse at him.

"People think that it hurts you and it affects your team's performance, or whatever," he said.

"Half of them haven't even got a clue what they're saying anyway, or what it's about.

"It doesn't affect me in any way. It's my family that it affects, because they have to hear it. But it's very much a minority."

Jones was sacked as Bluebirds boss in the summer, after failing to take the Welsh side into

the top flight.

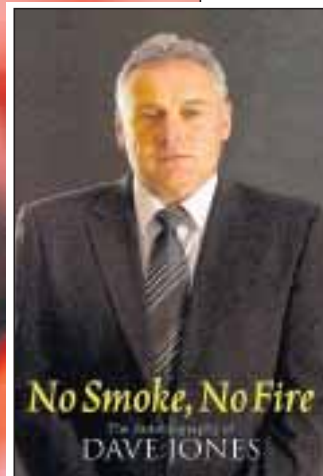
Rested, he is now eager to return to the management game.

"I've not really had a break before, and I've enjoyed it," he said. "But I'm ready now to come back. I've just really started to look around now.

"I've just got to wait and see what happens.

"My record as a manager over 16 years isn't too bad.

"I've got a 47 per cent win ratio over 16 years, so I must be doing something right."



inside the club."

**But Jones still reflects on what he did accomplish at the club with satisfaction.**

"I'm proud of what I achieved at Southampton because, at the time, we were in the Premiership and I had won manager of the year," he said.

"My brief was to keep the club in the Premiership, which we did, and within that get rid of the old team and develop a new one.

"You look at some of the players we had come through, like Bridgey

and Beattie.

"So I'm proud of the things I did there."

While Jones holds bitterness towards the way his exit was handled, he insists he still maintains great affection for the club and the city.

"I won't forget the Southampton people," he said.

"They protected my family and looked after them.

"I've got nothing but admiration for them. At the time, and afterwards, they looked after me."

It was that sort of response that kept Jones, his wife Ann, and the rest of his family going through the darkest hours of their torturous ordeal.

"If anybody in the football world would have believed any of it, that would have done more harm to me than the actual people trying to extort money from me," said Jones.

"That's what it all came down to, and the police doing the investigation didn't do it properly.

"Maybe they saw they had got a big fish, but they never looked into

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## Football Spot: Gossip, News & Moves!

### Poyet comes under fire from Fergie

BRIGHTON boss Gus Poyet has run into some flak from Sir Alex Ferguson after joining the debate over Luis Suarez's alleged 'racist comments' to Manchester United's Patrice Evra.

Poyet has accused Evra of being a "cry-baby" and followed up with the claim he would defend Suarez "to the hilt."

But United boss Ferguson said: "Gus Poyet's remarks are inappropriate at this time. People throughout the world are condemning racism. He has chosen the wrong time."

"I can understand why he wants to support someone from his country but he has to think about it more."

"I don't know how the question has been loaded but it seems his criticism of Evra is a bit silly."

Ferguson believes Liverpool have been following an "agenda" in maintaining their defiant stance around Suarez.

He revealed yesterday United had been asked by the Football Association not to offer any comment on the row between Suarez and defender Evra at Anfield last month, which has led to the Uruguay striker being charged with making racist comments.

That did not stop Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish confirming yesterday that the Merseyside giants stood by their man, who continues to protest his innocence.

"They have been drip-feeding a lot of stuff. I understand that," said the United boss. "They want to protect their player. He is their asset. We have been asked by the FA not to say anything about the Evra situation. We have abided by that. They will deal with it."

Amid all this, FIFA president Sepp Blatter has been forced into an apology after initially suggesting on-field racism, such as that alleged by Evra, should be dealt with by a post-match handshake.

Rio Ferdinand was among the high-profile members of the football fraternity to make their feelings known.

And, while Ferguson praised Blatter for saying sorry, he declined to rebuke centre-half Ferdinand for making his feelings known via Twitter.

"He can Twitter as much as he likes as long as it doesn't affect us," he said.



LUIS SUAREZ



# STILL GALLING FOR GUS

## Dave served us well

THE Echo's interview with Dave Jones threw up some interesting points.

It's clear that Dave still harbours some resentment, not at Saints but at the way his career with Saints ended... and who can blame him?

Hindsight is indeed a gift and looking back at Jones' traumatic time at Saints it's all too easy to feel the manager was hard done by.

But the publicity surrounding his court case would have made it impossible for anyone to continue in their job.

The fact that Lowe acquired a former England manager as a replacement made Jones' future at Southampton pretty much untenable.

It was unfair, it was unjust.

But at the time it was the correct decision to make.

It would have been impossible to fight such insidious claims and still maintain focus on keeping Southampton in the Premier League.

That said, the legacy he left made his successors' jobs a lot easier.

Jones had a fantastic eye for talent and it's fair to say that Glenn Hoddle and Gordon Strachan both benefited from that talent.

Jones' track record since then is a testament

to that, both Wolves and Cardiff have emerged as stronger clubs for his influence.

It's more than fair to say that Jones won't be unemployed for long.

That said, Jones' claims that Saints would never have been relegated are irrelevant.

You can't re-write history with what ifs.

Jones took Wolves up, but he also relegated them.

He wasn't immune to relegation, no manager is.

Things happened for a reason and the outcome was that Saints were broken down solely to be built back up again.

The difference between us now and under Jones is immeasurable.

He could argue that Saints are a better proposition now but the harsh truth is that perhaps, sometimes, things happen for a reason.

Jones could have had a glittering career with Saints; he could have been the next Paul Sturrock.

Who knows.

Jones has a solid reputation and a solid CV.

Saints have solid foundations and a manager who is the right man in the right place at the right time.

I can only hope that Jones finds his right place and his right time.

After the way his life panned out at Southampton, I can only wish him well...



**GREAT DAY:** Dave Jones celebrates his return to the Premiership with Wolves in 2003 ... but he took them back down again 12 months later.

**BY the time you read this article Saints will either have continued their staggering home form against Brighton or they will have succumbed to the inevitable and finally not taken all three points at home.**

It's a week where our credentials will be tested to the full. With West Ham facing a relatively simple game away at Coventry, the pressure will be on Saints to maintain their five-point gap at the top.

Win at home to Brighton and it sends out a huge signal to the rest of the pack that we're not a flash in the pan and we're real title contenders.

It must be galling for Gus Poyet to come to St Mary's with his side 13 points behind the team he mockingly compared to Dagenham & Redbridge.

From what I've seen of Poyet's Brighton, if any team is struggling to play actual football this season it would be last season's League One champions.

It makes a mockery of Poyet's derisory comments from

last season and adds all sort of spice to this season's encounter.

But even now Poyet cannot get Southampton out of his system.

His recent comments smack more of a spurned lover than a potential Premier League manager.

His comments about Nigel Adkins are particularly bitter.

"He had only one problem. Not his style or his tactics or his players. He was not better than Brighton."

His comments about Saints' amazing start to this season were equally bitter.

"Because they played 46 games in League One with Championship players."

No one can accuse Gus of having any class, can they?

Gus, face it, had last season gone on for two more games, then you'd have been second. And, whether you like it or not, Southampton's continued great form shows that Nigel Adkins was absolutely right when he asked if Brighton could keep up.

They couldn't.

Gus, all I can say to you is...

"We're top of the league, we're Dagenham and Redbridge.... We're top of the league..."



GUS POYET

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# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

## Capello kids start to shine

### HOW far have England progressed since the debacle of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa?

Optimism for the Euro 2012 tournament in Poland and Ukraine has risen due to the results against Spain and Sweden.

Also, during the calendar year, England have remained unbeaten, with six wins from nine games.

But I should like to remind everyone that England's form going into the last World Cup was pretty impressive, only for them to be trounced 4-1 by Germany, in Bloemfontein, in the second round.

It is always difficult to compare one squad to another, but with-in the current crop of players new talent is beginning to emerge.

No longer will the England team selection be a rubber stamp job.

Although Fabio Capello has a larger and fresher squad to pick from now, I hope we can play down talk of a new golden generation.

How many times have I heard that phrase over the last few years, reaching as far back as Japan 2002 right the way to South Africa 2010?

Over the last 12 months, there has been a move to start dismantling the old guard and replacing it with younger and quicker players.

The performance against Sweden demonstrated that Phil Jones, 19, Jack

Rodwell, 20, and Kyle Walker, 21, were pointing England in the right direction.

You can add to that threesome Wayne Rooney, Ashley Young and Jack Wilshere.

Of course, you still need that blend of experience and seasoned players within the team.

This can be supplemented with the ever-improving Scott Parker, while Frank Lampard – who was being dismissed a little while ago – is back.

There is also Gareth Barry, whose form for Manchester City and England has come on in leaps and bounds.

The midfield is full of potential, not forgetting Steven Gerrard, who has struggled through an injury-plagued season.

Perhaps the back line needs more scrutiny, though.

Capello would have been pleased with the pairing of Phil Jagielka and Joleon Lescott against Spain.

Regular performers Rio Ferdinand and John Terry can no longer be guaranteed a starting position, which is exactly the situation Capello wants to be in.

Ferdinand, at 33, could struggle to re-establish himself in the squad, while Terry's position could become untenable if the Anton Ferdinand race charge is proven.

Both full back positions may prove

troublesome.

Glen Johnson still appears to be the first choice right back, although the emergence of Tottenham's Walker means he remains a possibility.

Although, why Capello still turns a blind eye to the in-form Micah Richards remains a mystery to me.

Is their relationship untenable and, if so, why?

At left back, I have always had my reservations about Ashley Cole.

There is something in his make-up that I cannot stomach.

He never convinces me that he is genuine in his approach to the game.

Although football has changed, I still believe a defender should be able to head and tackle – neither of which are great parts of Cole's make-up.

I much prefer Everton's Leighton Baines, who looks a more honest full back and has improved since his move from Wigan to Everton.

As Capello ponders the growing competition for places at next summer's tournament, the game against 2010 World Cup finalists Holland in the new year could be the last chance for him to run the rule over potential selections.

I repeat what I've said on a number of occasions, that I believe this new emerging England team will be better prepared and ready for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, rather than 2012 in Poland and Ukraine.

While there is growing optimism regarding England's chances, I do not believe the cream of Europe will be fearing them at this stage.



**YOUNG TALENT:** Phil Jones.



**STAR TURNS:** Scott Parker rises high against Spain, above. Left: Frank Lampard waits to pounce for the winner.



## Tough for Pardew

AS the Premier League returns this weekend, all of England's club managers will be hoping for a clean bill of health.

Newcastle United will especially fall into that category, as they face their biggest challenge so far this season.

Their resurgence under former Southampton manager Alan Pardew has been the highlight of the Premier

League campaign so far.

But they were due to face the unbeaten Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium today.

City, top scorers in the division with 39 goals, were up against a Newcastle side who boast a mean defence, conceding just eight this season.

Something will have to give. Newcastle follow this game with a visit to Old Trafford, before welcoming Chelsea to

St James' Park.

I know the ground's name has changed to owner Mike Ashley's sporting goods brand, but I will always refer to it by its original name.

Mind you, if Newcastle come out of this three-match spell with their third position still intact then maybe the Toon Army will tone down their frustration towards Newcastle's owner.



# Saints Spotlight

## Did You Know?

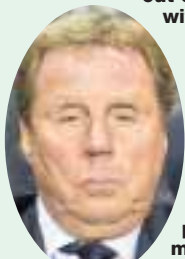
### Redknapp slams 'out of touch' Sepp

TOTTENHAM manager Harry Redknapp has labelled FIFA president Sepp Blatter "idiotic" and "out of touch" for his comments about racism.

Blatter has come under fire over the past three days after claiming in two television interviews that racism on the pitch could be settled with a post-match handshake.

The 75-year-old Swiss yesterday attempted to draw a line under the controversy by issuing an apology, but insisted he would not resign.

Former Saints boss Redknapp said in *The Sun*: "Of course what he has said is idiotic and he is clearly out of touch with reality."



REDKNAPP

become president of FIFA in the first place? Football's like this sometimes.

"What is his background in football to make the biggest decisions that affect our game? It's beyond me."

Blatter gained a degree in business administration and economics at Lausanne University and was a board member at Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax before joining FIFA as technical director in 1975.

Redknapp added: "Not everyone likes UEFA president Michel Platini but at least everyone appreciates he knows his stuff about football. He was a great player so the people who pay to go through the turnstiles accept he knows what he is talking about."

"Maybe if Blatter had been like Bobby Charlton or a great manager like Sir Alex Ferguson you would have more respect for his opinion."

"There are lots of great people in England and abroad who could run FIFA and who have a great background in football."



**HOTSHOT:** Leroy Whale, above, scores one of his five goals as an Ex-Saints XI defeated the Stoke Association 13-2 at Romsey Town FC. Jason Dodd, above right, in action during the charity-raising friendly.



**GOING FOR GOAL:** Steve Baker, above, looks to add to the scoreline. Francis Benali, right, in action.



**LINING UP:** The Ex-Saints XI pictured before their 13-2 victory at Romsey Town FC.



# FOXES

## Ex-Saints boss aiming for the top at Leicester

**NIGEL Pearson walked back into the pressure of the Leicester job ... and admitted the only ingredient missing at the King Power Stadium is Barclays Premier League football.**

The new Foxes boss this week completed close to two weeks of negotiations with Hull – whom Pearson joined 17 months ago having walked away from the previous City regime.

The upbeat 48-year-old, who preferred to look forward and not dwell on his previous departure, admitted the move back to Leicestershire – under now chairman Vichai Raksriakorn – came as a surprise but also that he was happy to return.

"The last 12 days have felt longer than that if I'm being perfectly honest," said the former Saints manager.

"It's good to be back now, I'm glad it's been resolved and hopefully we can move forward."

He added: "I'm delighted to be back here. I like positive pressure, I don't feel the fact that expectations are high interfere with how I work, I get a very positive feel for the place."

Pearson can certainly expect to find himself under pressure at Leicester where expectation comes as part of the package.

In his previous stint as Foxes boss, he guided the club to the League One title in 2009 and the Championship play-off semi-finals the following year, losing to Cardiff on penalties.

But the burden of expectation has increased since the club's takeover by Thai-based consortium Asia Football

Investments in August 2010.

Pearson's predecessor Sven-Goran Eriksson was sacked last month with the club two points off the play-off places, with the Swede having taken City from near the foot of the second tier when he took over and being given in the region of £12million to spend in the summer.

Pearson said: "I'm always confident in my ability and certainly the support staff, I know I'll have the backing of the board and I know how keen they are for the club to be successful."

"It's a big club with huge potential, the missing ingredient at the moment is our status in terms of being in the Premier League."

The average managerial lifespan in the Championship is the lowest of any division in England at just under a year, compared to three and a half years back in 1992.

Pearson – who has penned a two-and-a-half year contract – is fully aware of the expectation levels and shares the ambition of the club's board.

Vice-chairman Aiyawatt Raksriakorn believes the club have the right man in charge to bring top-flight football back to Leicester.

"I don't have any timescale for promotion but of course my ambition is still the same and I want the team to gain promotion," he said.

"I will support him with everything I can."

Raksriakorn added: "He has everything the board needs – passion, he can motivate players, staff and fans as well."

"I believe in him and I think we have chosen the right person. I used to say I will choose the manager who can bring the team to the Premier League and I believe he can."

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## RETURN FOR NIGE

**GREAT TO BE BACK: Nigel Pearson with Leicester chief executive Susan Whelan and vice chairman Aiyawatt Raksriaksorn**



## Twice a last-day hero ...

**NIGEL Pearson has never really failed throughout his managerial career.**

His first managerial role couldn't have been tougher – thrown in at the deep end of a League 2 relegation battle with little money to play with, writes **SIMON CARTER**.

Carlisle United were fourth bottom of the basement division in December 1998 when Pearson was handed his first managerial role.

At the time the Cumbrians were eight points ahead of the bottom club – ironically, Hull City.

But Pearson won just four of his first 26 league games in charge, ensuring the last-day home game with Plymouth was a 'must win' if the Foxes were to stand any chance of staying in the Football League.

Famously, goalkeeper Jimmy Glass' last-minute goal – after Pearson had waved him up for a corner – gave Carlisle a 2-1 win and sent Scarborough down instead.

Scarborough were sent down a path which ended with the club's liquidation and Pearson had an ultimately successful end to his first taste of management.

But it was to be Saints chairman Leon Crouch that would offer him his



**FLASHBACK:** Nigel Pearson celebrates with Stern John as Saints escape the drop in 2008.

second permanent managerial role almost nine years later – in February 2008.

Saints had just been dumped out of the FA Cup at lower division Bristol Rovers while league results had also started to dip under caretakers Jason Dodd and John Gorman.

The plan had been to keep the caretakers in charge, following George

Burley's sentimental return to Scotland to manage the national team, until the end of the summer and then look to appoint a full-time boss.

But results dictated otherwise and it was to Pearson – who had had caretaker manager roles at West Brom and Newcastle since leaving Carlisle to concentrate on a coaching career – that Crouch entrusted Saints' Championship survival to.

History will show, as it did at Carlisle, that Pearson didn't want that many games.

In fact, he won just three of his 14 league matches in charge of Saints.

But, as with Carlisle, he will always be remembered for the fact he won his last one – another emotion-filled home success, this time 3-2 against Sheffield United at St Mary's.

Pearson would obviously have continued as boss had Crouch and his supporters stayed in power at Saints.

That masterplan was shattered, though, by the unlikely pairing of former enemies Rupert Lowe and Milan Mandaric.

Following his release by Saints, Pearson was almost instantly appointed manager at Leicester, the club Saints had sentenced to relegation by beating Sheffield United.

Faced with a rebuilding job under the demanding eyes of then chairman Milan Mandaric, Pearson responded in style. Not only did he lead Leicester to the League 1 title at the first attempt – winning 31 games out of 46 and losing just four – he took the Foxes to the Championship play-offs the following season.

Pearson's Wembley dream died, though, when his men were beaten by Dave Jones' Cardiff in a semi-final penalty shoot-out.

Following his on-field successes in the East Midlands, it probably came as something of a surprise to many that Mandaric allowed him to leave in the summer of 2010 to join Hull, freshly relegated from the Premiership.

In his sole full season in charge at the KC Stadium, Pearson fashioned a Tigers side which proved hard to beat – losing only 13 times in their 46-game Championship programme.

But a surfeit of draws, 17 in all, saw them never seriously in the frame for the play-offs.

In the meantime, there had been a change in ownership at Leicester, with Mandaric selling out and moving back into the third tier with another one-time ex-Premiership club, Sheffield Wednesday.

### Did You Know?

**FOLLOWING** on from Sepp Blatter's controversial comments on racism in football this week, the Sports Pink looks back at past gaffes committed by the FIFA President.

**Homosexuality.** Blatter was forced to apologise after his remark when Qatar were awarded the 2022 World Cup. He was asked about the fact that homosexuality is illegal in the country. Blatter joked "I would say they should refrain from any sexual activities!"

**Women footballers in hot pants.** "Come on, let's get women to play in different and more feminine garb than the men," Blatter told Sonntagsblick in a 2004 interview. Asked if he meant short skirts, Blatter said: "No, but in tighter shorts for example. In volleyball women wear different clothes from the men. Beautiful women play football nowadays, excuse me for saying so."

**On the claims John Terry had an affair with Wayne Bridge's ex-girlfriend.** "If this had happened in let's say Latin countries then I think he would have been applauded."



**On transfer of Cristiano Ronaldo from Manchester United to Real Madrid.** "There's too much modern slavery in transferring players or buying players here and there, and putting them somewhere."

**Banning draws.** He told a German journalist in 2004 there should be winners and losers in every match. "Every game should have a winner. When you play cards or any other game, there's always a winner and a loser. We should have the courage to introduce a final decision in every game of football."

**Enlarging the size of the goals.** "The guardians of the rules are in agreement to lengthen the goals by the diameter of two balls, around 50cm, and to increase the height by the diameter of one ball," he told Stern magazine in 1996. The International FA Board soon kicked out the proposal.

Ahead of the 1994 World Cup in the USA, when Blatter was FIFA general secretary, he championed the idea of four quarters to make football more appealing to American TV. The plan was swiftly dropped after widespread opposition.

### Did You Know?

**MANAGERIAL DEPARTURES 2011/12**











**August 25** - Peter Jackson (Bradford)  
**September 18** - Peter Reid (Plymouth)  
**September 23** - Sean O'Driscoll (Doncaster)  
**October 2** - Steve McClaren (Nottm Forest)  
**October 3** - Keith Millen (Bristol City)  
**October 14** - Steve Cotterill (Portsmouth)  
**October 24** - Sven-Goran Eriksson (Leicester)  
**November 14** - Gary Johnson (Northampton)  
**November 15** - Nigel Pearson (Hull)

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## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2011/12

															
<b>AUGUST</b>															
Sat 6 Leeds . . . . .	W 3-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Martin	Harding	Do Prado**	Hammond*** 1	Cork	Lallana 1	Lambert	Connolly* 1	De Ridder*	Chaplow**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 9 Torquay (CC1) . . . . .	W 4-1	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Seaborne	Martin	Dickson	De Ridder** 1	Chaplow 1	Cork	Holmes*	Lambert	Do Prado***	Lallana*	Hammond**	Forte*** 1
Sat 13 Barnsley . . . . .	W 1-0	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	Lallana*** 2	Lambert	Connolly** 1	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 16 Ipswich . . . . .	A	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	Lallana***	Lambert	Connolly** 1	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 20 Millwall . . . . .	W 1-0	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado 1	Hammond*	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly***	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 27 Leicester . . . . .	A	L 2-3	Davis	Richardson*	Fonte	Seaborne	Do Prado**	Hammond	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly 1	Schneiderlin*	De Ridder**	Fox***
Tues 30 Swindon (CC2) . . . . .	A	W 3-1	Bialkowski	Richardson	Seaborne	Harding	Holmes**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana	Forte* 1	Do Prado*** 1	Lambert* 1	Hammond**	Hoskins***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>															
Sat 10 Nottm Forest . . . . .	W 3-2	Davis	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado*	Hammond	Hammond	Lallana	Lambert 3	Connolly**	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	Schneiderlin***
Sun 18 Birmingham . . . . .	W 4-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado* 1	Hammond	Cork**	Lallana*** 1	Lambert 1	Connolly	Chaplow* 1	Fonte**	De Ridder***
Wed 21 Preston (CC3) . . . . .	W 2-1	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Martin	Hooiveld** 1	Dickson	De Ridder*	Schneiderlin	Chaplow	Holmes	Reeves	Connolly	Lallana* 1	Schneiderlin***	Lambert***
Sat 24 Burnley . . . . .	A	D 1-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Fox	Do Prado*	Hammond***	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly	Chaplow*	Schneiderlin** 1	
Wed 28 Cardiff . . . . .	A	L 1-2	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Fox	Do Prado	Schneiderlin	Cork**	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly	De Ridder* 1	Chaplow**	
<b>OCTOBER</b>															
Sat 1 Watford . . . . .	W 4-0	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	De Ridder*	Hammond	Cork**	Lallana***	Lambert 2	Do Prado 1	Chaplow*	Schneiderlin**	Holmes*** 1
Sat 15 Derby . . . . .	A	D 1-1	Davis	Richardson**	Fonte	Fox	Do Prado***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Chaplow*	Lambert 1	Connolly	De Ridder*	Hammond**	Harding***
Tues 18 West Ham . . . . .	W 1-0	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld 1	Fox	Do Prado***	Hammond	Schneiderlin	Chaplow*	Lambert	Connolly**	Harding*	Cork**	De Ridder***
Sat 22 Reading . . . . .	A	D 1-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte*	Fox	Do Prado***	Hammond	Cork	Chaplow	Lambert	Connolly**	Martin*	De Ridder** 1	Schneiderlin***
Tues 25 Crystal Palace (CC4) . . . . .	A	L 0-2	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Martin	Harding	De Ridder	Ward-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Holmes**	Reeves***	Forte*	Barnard*	Lambert**	Do Prado***
Sat 29 Middlesbrough . . . . .	W 3-0	Davis	Butterfield	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Chaplow	Hammond***	Cork	Lallana**	Lambert	Do Prado* 2	Connolly* 1	Schneiderlin**	De Ridder***
<b>NOVEMBER</b>															
Tues 1 Peterborough . . . . .	W 2-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld 1	Harding	Chaplow*** 1	Hammond	Schneiderlin	Lallana**	Lambert	Do Prado*	De Ridder*	Connolly**	Cork***
Sat 5 Coventry . . . . .	A	W 4-2	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Fox	Chaplow* 1	Cork	Schneiderlin	Lallana*** 1	Lambert	Do Prado*** 1	Hammond*	De Ridder** 1	Connolly***
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Tues 29 Hull . . . . .	H														
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Sat 10 Blackpool . . . . .	H														
Sun 18 Portsmouth . . . . .	A														
Mon 26 Crystal Palace . . . . .	H														
Fri 30 Bristol City . . . . .	H														
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# Much ado about banter

## Much ado about banter

**SEPP Blatter has had to hold up his hands and apologise after his comments brought wide condemnation from within these shores, with players, reporters and fans alike queuing up to denounce him.**

Blatter, pictured, is not exactly held in the highest regard anyway, so it's easy to slap him down for the moronic 'handshake' statement.

However a similar issue closer to home has produced a very different response.

Ahead of the Brighton match, Hampshire police went on the offensive regarding homophobic chanting.

The last time the Seagulls visited, the police say they received a number of complaints about the chanting from Saints fans, hence the approach this time.

Most of the reaction from supporters has been one of incredulity – it's just banter, the police are being pathetic, my gay friends think it's funny and all that sort of thing.

Although I've never liked chants like "does your boyfriend know

### A VIEW FROM THE STANDS

with Saints fan Dan Kerins



you're here?" it's not because I think them offensive – I just think they're hackneyed, tired and not funny.

But at the same time, the chants aren't directed at me and I'm not gay, so I'm not really in a position to say whether or not they are actually offensive.

I doubt many Brighton fans find them offensive – yes, there are a lot of homosexual people in Brighton but they are still a minority.

The reaction they tend to give these chants is similar to the one we give travelling fans who sing 'Play Up Pompey' or 'You're Just A

Small Town in Portsmouth' – utter disdain and ironic applause.

But the point is we can't rightly pour scorn on Blatter if we are so quick to justify a chant of "we can see you holding hands" as just banter, whilst refusing to entertain the fact that some people will take it as offensive.

It's not that long ago that the TV show *Love Thy Neighbour* was considered harmless fun – now it's seen as an aberration.

Now, I know this could be viewed as another case of "political correctness gone mad" or just being over sensitive but it's not the case. It's just a matter of being self-aware.

Of course, thou-

sands of men chanting something at another crowd of men is hardly the same as a gay man being singled out by a small gang, and for that reason I do fear that the police reaction may be a bit over the top.

Some people are far too sensitive and sometimes seem to be offended on behalf of other people, which is plainly stupid.

I've had people complain about the word 'Paddy' being used to describe an Irishman on a comment on *The Daily Echo* website – as a Paddy myself, I ignored the complaint as the rationale given was that Irish people might find it offensive – not that it WAS offensive.

I'm sure the intention was good, but to complain about such a word was just over the top.

So while it's true some people could benefit from being less concerned about everything being offensive, many have to appreciate that their harmless joke may not be all that fun after all.

Sometimes our understandings of situations may not be as good as we think – that's why dear old Sepp is in so much bother this week.

And none of us want to be accused of being like him, do we?

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	16	0	0	0	240	0
BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI	0	0	4	0	35(1)	0
TOMMY FORECAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	1	0	3	0	39(3)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	14	0	1	0	32(7)	0
DAN HARDING	6(2)	1	2	0	95(5)	4
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	2	0	19(10)	1
BEN REEVES	0	0	2	0	2	0
JOSE FONTE	16	0	0(1)	0	84(1)	7
RADHI JAIDI	0	0	0	0	63(1)	4
AARON MARTIN	1(1)	0	4	0	13(5)	0
DAN SEABORNE	4	0	2	0	35(15)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
STEVE DE RIDDER	1(14)	3	3	1	4(14)	4
RICHARD CHAPLOW	6(7)	3	2	1	48(13)	10
DEAN HAMMOND	13(2)	1	0(2)	0	103(5)	11
JACK CORK	14(2)	0	2	0	40(3)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	6(10)	1	4	0	101(25)	2
ADAM LALLANA	13	5	1(2)	1	1139(20)	38
LEE HOLMES	0(1)	1	4	0	19(15)	3
RICKIE LAMBERT	16	9	1(2)	2	117(5)	65
LEE BARNARD	0	0	0	0	44(19)	24
GULY DO PRADO	16	6	2	1	44(12)	18
DAVID CONNOLLY	12(3)	5	0	0	30(23)	16
JONATHAN FORTE	0	0	3(1)	2	5(9)	4

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RYAN DOBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY FOX	10(3)	0	0	0	10(3)	0
JOS HOOIVELD	11	2	1	1	12	3
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	0	0	1	0	1	0
SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



# Adam Rant

This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**

## Survival of the fittest as Fed comes on strong

IT will not surprise any regular Adam Rant readers to learn of his delight at the end-of-season success of Roger Federer.

The Swiss ace ended something of a barren season with an ATP 500 trophy in Basel and then, more impressively, an ATP 1000 crown in Paris.

They were his first trophies since January and ended the very real prospect of Federer going the full calendar year without either a Grand Slam or a Master series tournament victory.

### Desperate for a rest

It's fair to say that Federer is playing great tennis at the moment, unusual given the time of year with Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray all struggling with injuries after a long and gruelling season.

He's also had a very good year, all things considered.

There has not been a slump, just a failure to convert chances to win tournaments that he probably would

have taken before.

In fairness the standard has been raised once again by Djokovic who has been outstanding.

He is now quite understandably looking in desperate need of a rest.

Nadal has had a quiet second half of the season, by his standards, but can still look back on a Grand Slam win, beating Federer in the final at Roland Garros.

Murray has had a decent season, recovering from the slump after his Australian Open final defeat, but still hasn't got that elusive Grand Slam under his belt.

This week the top eight all descend on London for the season ending ATP

World Tour Finals.

The event at the O2 is an interesting one. On one hand, it is genuinely exciting to see all these guys going toe-to-toe on English soil.

On the other, the tournament is always slightly marred by the fact that the physically draining season always seems to result in some of the players not being at their best.

Indeed, half of the players – Djokovic, Murray, Nadal and Fish – all go into the tournament nursing injuries of one degree of seriousness.

It means that this tournament, while still superb and better held here than anywhere else from our point of view, can lack a bit of the spark it might otherwise have.

However, how can anybody lack enthusiasm for Federer v Nadal? A rare thing of brilliance.



# ROCKET READY TO FIRE AS SNOOKER UNDERDOG

**YOU might not think it to listen to him, but Ronnie O'Sullivan might well be gearing up for another assault on snooker's major titles.**

One of the most gifted and entertaining players of all time has dropped down the rankings, to the extent he is aiming to ensure a top 16 place so he doesn't have to qualify for tournaments.

It's quite a fall from grace in some respects, but in others entirely in keeping with O'Sullivan's up and down attitude to life and his sport.

He is certainly a fascinating character, as anybody who has read his autobiography, one of the best sporting ones Adam Rant has ever read, would testify.

This week he gave an interesting interview.

### Revealing words

Though his thoughts and moods seem to change more often than the tides, O'Sullivan said he felt he had underachieved in his career.

That probably depends on your definition of achievement.

Yes, he probably would have won quite a few more titles had he properly committed himself, mentally as much as anything else.

But then, to take away his very nature might well have detracted from his game anyway.

The most revealing words he spoke were that he now feels he is going into matches as the underdog and hoping to land



**RONNIE O'SULLIVAN:**  
Gunning for the game's top-ranked players.

some big scalps.

This is probably not how the outside world views things, but it is how Ronnie is looking at life.

If this is really his state of mind, it might well be the best thing that can happen.

Performing with an underdog

mentality weighs far less heavily on some sportspeople than being the favourite.

It just depends on your psyche.

For a sportsperson in an individual sport, it is particularly key.

Maybe this is the start of a Ronnie renaissance.

Snooker could do with it.

It sounds like Ronnie might like to right a few wrongs in his 'tournaments won' column and there is barely a fan of the green baize anywhere who would not love to see the Rocket at his free-flowing best once more.

## King-size surprise

**SOMETIMES sport works in mysterious ways and none more so than the most bizarre Daily Echo story of the week.**

It involved Millbank gym's newest boxing recruit King Davidson, below.

It's not just the wonderful name, but the story.

Millbank are still trying to establish themselves in the world of professional boxing.

It takes time to produce champions and then attract more and more prospects to join you.

So why exactly would a Nigerian who lives in Australia and has established



himself as a multi-title winner, has been ranked as high as number 13 in the world by the WBA and won a Commonwealth games bronze medal, his progress halted only by injury, choose to come and train in Southampton?

Apparently because his cousin lives on the Northam estate and thought it would be a good idea.

There are some stories you couldn't make up.

Many of them exist in boxing.

Let's hope he goes on to stay here and win a world title to bring back to the area. That would probably be made into a movie.

## Give JT a break

**WE have a principle of innocent until proven guilty in this country.**

No matter what you think of John Terry as a footballer, or indeed as a person for his off field conduct, the recent allegations of racism are subject to an investigation.

While that is ongoing, it is only right and proper that he is allowed to continue with his job and, if the England manager decides, then that is playing for his country.

Adam Rant will hold his hands up and say that he is no fan of much of Terry's off field conduct down the years.

But he, nor anybody else, deserves to be judged until such time as any guilt is proven.



## CHERRIES 2011/12

## August

6 Charlton (A) .....	L 0-3
9 Dagenham (H, CC) .....	W 5-0
Taylor 2, Pugh, Cooper, Feeney	
13 Sheff Wed (H) .....	W 2-0
Barrett, Arter	
16 Stevenage (H) .....	L 1-3
Arter	
20 Carlisle (A) .....	L 1-2
Arter (pen)	
23 WBA (H, CC) .....	L 1-4
Lovell	
27 Walsall (H) .....	L 0-2
20 Hereford (H, JPT) .....	W 4-1
Stockley 2, Pugh, MacDonald	

## September

3 Notts County (A) .....	L 1-3
Pugh	
10 Chesterfield (H) .....	L 0-3
13 Leyton Orient (A) .....	W 3-1
Arter (pen), Thomas, Pugh	
17 Exeter (A) .....	W 2-0
Thomas, OG	
24 Hartlepool .....	L 1-2
Gregory	

## October

1 Tranmere (A) .....	D 0-0
4 Yeovil (H, JPT) .....	W 3-2
Pugh 2, OG	
8 Rochdale .....	D 1-1
Symes pen	
15 MK Dons (A) .....	D 2-2
Thomas 2	
22 Bury (H) .....	L 1-3
25 Colchester (A) .....	D 1-1
Thomas	
29 Preston (A) .....	W 3-1
Thomas, Malone, Pugh	

## November

5 Scunthorpe (H) .....	W 2-0
Malone, Thomas	
12 Gillingham (H, FAC) .....	D 3-3
Purches, Zubar, Malone,	
19 Wycombe .....	(A)
26 Oldham .....	(H)

## December

10 Huddersfield .....	(A)
17 Sheff Utd .....	(H)
26 Brentford .....	(A)
31 Yeovil .....	(A)

## January

2 Wycombe .....	(H)
7 Walsall .....	(A)
14 Notts County .....	(H)
21 Tranmere .....	(H)
28 Chesterfield .....	(A)

## February

4 Exeter .....	(H)
11 Hartlepool .....	(A)
14 Leyton Orient .....	(H)
18 Rochdale .....	(A)
25 MK Dons .....	(H)

## March

3 Charlton .....	(H)
6 Stevenage .....	(A)
10 Sheff Wed .....	(A)
17 Carlisle .....	(H)
20 Brentford .....	(H)
24 Oldham .....	(A)
31 Yeovil .....	(H)

## April

7 Sheff Utd .....	(A)
9 Huddersfield .....	(H)
14 Bury .....	(A)
21 Colchester .....	(H)
28 Scunthorpe .....	(A)

## May

5 Preston .....	(H)
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## Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

## Keepers caught out

**NEIL Moss led the protests against the FA Cup ball and admitted he feared catching could soon become a thing of the past for goalkeepers.**

The Cherries goalkeeping coach, pictured right, criticised the Umbro Neo Pro ball after stoppers Darryl Flahavan and Paulo Gazzaniga endured problems during last Saturday's first round clash.

Flahavan was beaten by Jack Payne's dipping 35-yarder before letting Danny Jackman's shot slip through his grasp as Gillingham fought back from 3-1 down to earn a 3-3 draw.

Gillingham's Gazzaniga saw a long-range drive from Stephen Purses fly in off the underside of the bar before fumbling a second-half cross to allow Stephane Zubar to strike for Cherries.

## Terrible

Former Saints and Cherries keeper Moss said: "I don't want to make excuses, but the balls are terrible."

"I look at it purely from a goal-keeping point of view and I work on my keepers to get them as good as I possibly can."

"The Mitre balls (which are used in the league) are okay because we are used to them, but then they go and throw this one into the mix."

"It was no coincidence to me that there were two absolutely great goals for the fans to see from long distance."

"And for our second goal, the Gillingham keeper dropped a horrendous cross when the ball was, maybe, moving around all over the place."

"It takes the skill out of it. All the centre forwards have to do is put down their heads and hit it as hard as they possibly can and there is a chance of it doing what happened



FLAHAVAN

for two of the goals on Saturday.

"I hate to think what they are going to bring out next."

"I think it will be a balloon – because that is the only way we could get the footballs any lighter than they are at the moment."

A Football Association spokesperson said: "This yellow FA Cup match ball has been tried and tested by Umbro for use in winter conditions."

"It passes the match officials' regulations in terms of weight and being spherical. It will be used from rounds one through to five."

The Umbro website said: "Cut using laser technology for a smoother flight and better grip, the Neo Pro features just 14 panels offering a smoother strike zone for that 30-yarder into the top corner."

Last season, Moss voiced similar concerns when he slammed the Umbro HI-Vis NeoSpark – dubbed the pumpkin because of its orange colour – after it had caused controversy in Cherries' 5-3 first round win over Tranmere Rovers.

He said the current ball was similar and added: "English goalkeepers like to pride ourselves on our handling and being able to catch the ball."

"I coach kids from the age of six all the way up to the professionals and, maybe, I have to look at my coaching style. I want to see the kids catch."

"But if they keep on the way they are, catching the football will be a forgotten art."

"Maybe they (the FA Cup balls) are okay when you are playing on a perfect pitch when it is 80 degrees."

But for the English game, when you are playing on muddy pitches, probably in strong wind, rain and all the rest of it that you can face in the FA Cup, they are just not fit for purpose as far as I am concerned."

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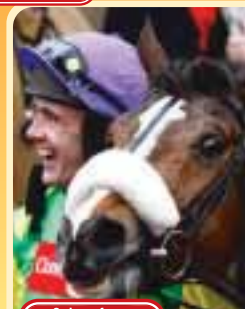
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## Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

# Pugh puts Cherries in the driving seat

**MARC Pugh's ninth goal of the season was enough to secure yet another league victory on the road for Cherries.**

Pugh struck after 23 minutes as Lee Bradbury's men eased past struggling Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park.

To add to the hosts' misery, former Weymouth striker Stuart Beavon missed a first half penalty which would have levelled matters.

Boss Bradbury made two changes to the side that drew 3-3 with Gillingham in the FA Cup, with Steve Cook and Wes Fogden returning to the starting 11 and Michael Symes and Stephane Zubar dropping to the bench.

Fogden went closest to drawing first blood when his snapshot from inside the box after 10 minutes was cleared off the line by Grant Basey.

Fogden was denied again five minutes later when Blues keeper Nikki Bull pushed his drive round the post.

Cook headed wide after 19 minutes as Bradbury's men continued to boss proceedings, before Pugh handed Cherries a deserved lead four minutes later.

The Lancastrian was on hand to tap home from close range from Wes Thomas's inviting cross.

The hosts were handed a lifeline 11 minutes before half-time, though, when referee Andy Madley pointed to the spot after Scott Malone had felled Joel Grant.

### WYCOMBE 0 BOURNEMOUTH 1

But Beavon fired the penalty well over Darryl Flahavan's bar.

The Chairboys' 15-year-old striker Jordan Ibe registered his side's first shot on target moments after the break, with Flahavan saving comfortably.

But Cherries soon began to take control once again, with Thomas forcing a save from Bull low down to his right after 52 minutes.

Flahavan denied Grant just before the hour as the hosts started to finally come into the clash, while substitute Scott Donnelly's speculative 67th-minute volley from distance flew deep into the Greene King IPA Terrace.

Flahavan tipped over Grant's header 20 minutes from time after fine work from Donnelly and, in truth, Bradbury's men were clinging on to their slender advantage at that stage.

But it was to be a brief threat from the home side, with Thomas watching his header eight minutes from time come back off the post as Cherries regained control and comfortably held on for all three points.

Cherries: (4-4-1-1) Flahavan; Francis, Cook, Barrett, Cummings; Pugh, Arter, Purches, Malone; Thomas (Symes, 86); Thomas (Sheringham, 83). Unused subs: Peters, Zubar, Jalal (g/k).



**EARLY STRIKE:**  
Mark Pugh gave Cherries the lead.

# New boss in losing start

MICHAEL Appleton's reign as Portsmouth manager got off to a disappointing start as Watford secured a deserved 2-0 victory at Vicarage Road.

The 35-year-old named as Steve Cotterill's successor at the Fratton Park helm could not spur Pompey to their first away victory of the season.

Appleton brought in Joel Ward for on-loan Abdul Razak, while Hornets boss Sean Dyche also made one change.

Lightly replaced Troy Deeney in the starting line-up and the change paid dividends within two minutes.

The on-loan Wolves winger found

### WATFORD 2 PORTSMOUTH 0

space on the left flank and put the home side ahead with a speculative drive that beat Stephen Henderson from 25 yards.

The visitors pushed forward in numbers, but could have soon conceded a second if Prince Buaben had shown more composure in front of goal.

Kightly then hit the side netting as Watford pressed, before Sordell blasted over and Henderson tipped over Yeates's cross-cum-shot.

While Pompey looked poor in defence, they were comfortable in possession and only a last-ditch challenge from Nyron Nosworthy thwarted Luke Varney when clear on goal.

Erik Huseklepp then saw his cross somehow deflected behind before Watford doubled their advantage just before the break as Sordell caught Yeates's corner on the volley.

Dyche's men continued in the ascendancy after the break, with Buaben seeing a shot deflected over before Sordell came close.

The match began to slow as the half

wore on, with Greg Halford curling a free-kick just wide before Yeates almost deceived Henderson with a set piece of his own.

Watford were still edging proceedings and Sordell missed a clear-cut chance in the 69th minute when he flicked a header over from close range.

Luke Varney's flicked header forced Loach into his first save of the match with less than 10 minutes remaining, and Loach was again called into action to thwart a Huseklepp free-kick in the 90th minute, but that was as good as it got for the 1,727 visiting fans.

### POMPEY 2011/12

#### August

6 Middlesbrough (A) . . . D 2-2  
Norris, Varney  
9 Barnet (H, CC) . . . . . L 0-1  
13 Brighton (H) . . . . . L 0-1  
16 Reading (H) . . . . . W 1-0  
Kitson  
20 Bristol City (A) . . . . . D 0-0  
27 Cardiff (H) . . . . . D 1-1  
Kanu

#### September

10 West Ham (A) . . . . . L 3-4  
Varney, Norris, Halford  
17 Hull (A) . . . . . L 0-1  
24 Blackpool (H) . . . . . W 1-0  
Huseklepp  
27 Peterboro (H) . . . . . L 2-3  
og, Benjani

#### October

1 Leeds (A) . . . . . L 0-1  
15 Barnsley (H) . . . . . W 2-0  
Norris, Varney  
18 Ipswich (A) . . . . . L 0-1  
22 Doncaster (H) . . . . . W 3-1  
Varney (2), Kitson  
29 Derby . . . . . L 1-3  
Pearce

#### November

1 Crystal Palace . . . . . D 0-0  
5 Nottm Forest . . . . . W 3-0  
Huseklepp (2), Kitson  
19 Watford . . . . . (A)  
26 Leicester . . . . . (H)  
29 Birmingham . . . . . (A)

#### December

3 Coventry . . . . . (H)  
10 Burnley . . . . . (A)  
17 Southampton . . . . . (H)  
26 Millwall . . . . . (A)  
31 Leicester . . . . . (A)

#### January

2 Watford . . . . . (H)  
14 West Ham . . . . . (H)  
21 Cardiff . . . . . (A)  
31 Peterborough . . . . . (A)

#### February

4 Hull . . . . . (H)  
11 Blackpool . . . . . (A)  
14 Ipswich . . . . . (H)  
18 Barnsley . . . . . (A)  
25 Leeds . . . . . (H)

#### March

3 Middlesbrough . . . . . (H)  
6 Reading . . . . . (A)  
10 Brighton . . . . . (A)  
17 Bristol City . . . . . (H)  
20 Birmingham . . . . . (H)  
24 Coventry . . . . . (A)  
31 Burnley . . . . . (H)

#### April

7 Southampton . . . . . (A)  
9 Millwall . . . . . (H)  
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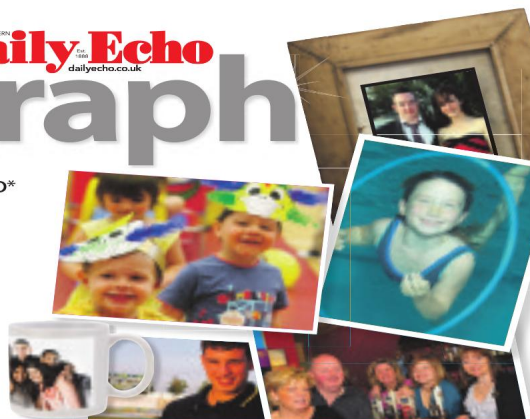
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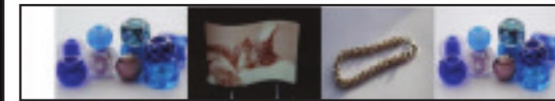
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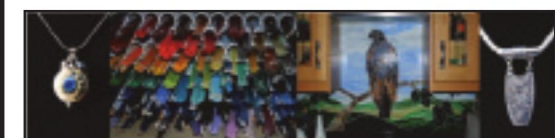


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# Non-league Action

BLUE SQUARE CONFERENCE SOUTH: Eastleigh 2 Dartford 2

## TEN-MAN SPITFIRES HIT BACK

**EASTLEIGH played an hour with ten men after having Ian Herring sent off for a second bookable offence at the Silverlake Stadium.**

But the ten-man Spitfires managed to claw their way back from two goals down to force a gritty 2-2 draw against high-rising Dartford in the Blue Square Bet South.

Spitfires boss Ian Baird stuck with the same starting line-up from last week's 3-1 victory at Farnborough.

For Dartford, ex-Eastleigh winger Richard Graham was named on the bench.

After a quiet beginning, Dartford upped the tempo with Lee Noble tipping the ball forward to Danny Harris who sent a dangerous delivery across the face of the Eastleigh goal.

That brought a positive response from Eastleigh who could have taken a sixth-minute lead when Jamie Slabber played in Andrew White.

But, in curling his shot wide of keeper Louis Wells, the young striker steered it wide of the upright too.

There was plenty of early endeavour but not much by way of excitement as the two sides battled for supremacy.

Eastleigh's Michael Green and Ross Bottomley were arguably lucky to escape bookings for Eastleigh for hefty tackles and, when referee Charles Breakspear did eventually get a card out, it was Ian Herring who was cautioned for an innocuous-looking challenge on Harris which brought a theatrical dive from the Dartford man.

White had another

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chance to score for Eastleigh on 24 minutes following a driving run from mid-field man Danny Smith, but keeper Wells managed to block.

A minute later Dartford controversially took the lead when the referee pointed to the spot for hand-ball when Noble's driven shot slammed off Slabber and **ADAM GREEN** beat on-loan Saints keeper Jack Dovey with the penalty.

Graeme Montgomery shot wide of the near post from Herring's throw as Eastleigh attempted to respond.

But their efforts were undermined on the half-hour when they were reduced to ten men.

Herring was again deemed to have fouled wide-man Harris and referee Breakspear – so lenient in the early stages – showed the unfortunate right-back a second yellow.

Dartford almost cashed in on their numerical advantage immediately, but Tom Bonner headed Jon Wallis's high cross just over.

Spitfires boss Baird responded by withdrawing White and throwing substitute Jamie Brown into mid-field and moving Ross Bottomley to right-back.

But Dartford's tails were up and in the 36th minute, when Eastleigh failed to clear a corner, **WALLIS** punished them by drilling home goal number two through a crowd of players from the edge of the area.

Once Eastleigh had regained their shape, they took the game to the visi-

tors with skipper Tom Jordan heading just wide and Smith firing an optimistic effort well over.

And, to their credit, the ten-man Spitfires managed to pull a goal back on 42 minutes when Jordan helped on Green's throw from the left and the ball fell to **SMITH** who slammed a scorcher into the roof of the net.

When Harris went to ground yet again, this time right in front of the Eastleigh dug-out, it sparked fury on the home bench and that bad feeling spilled over after the half-time whistle had blown as members of both benches surrounded the referee.

**Half-time:**

**Eastleigh 1  
Dartford 2**

Eastleigh began the second half positively and went close again when Jordan played in Chris Flood whose shot dribbled wide of Wells' left hand post.

And on 53 minutes the Spitfires grabbed the equaliser, their effort so richly deserved when **JORDAN** headed home Montgomery's superb cross at the far post.

That was the signal for Dartford to wake up and they might have reclaimed



**FAREHAM'S Steve Cammack comes close in their 1-0 defeat against Moneyfield Sports. Full Sydenhams Wessex League round-up in Tuesday's Daily Echo.**

the lead when skipper Elliot Bradbrook nipped between Dovey and Jordan to meet a high ball but his header flew over.

And the Spitfires breathed another sigh of relief on 63 minutes when Tom Champion mis-directed a free header wide from a corner.

Eastleigh introduced the pace of fit-again Richard Gillespie for Flood on 65 minutes and four minutes later Jordan had another headed opportunity from Montgomery's corner, but looped it well over.

Montgomery then fired a

half-volley wide from 30 yards as the ten men continued to trouble a susceptible looking Darts defence.

The arrival of three substitutes breathed fresh life into the visitors and Eastleigh's job became tougher still when key defender Andy Forbes went off injured.

Wide man Jordace Holder-Spooner, who was already being readied to come on, replaced him, forcing yet another reshuffle in the Eastleigh ranks.

It looked like being real backs to the wall stuff for

the Spitfires in the closing stages, but it was the home side who carved out another decent chance with 88 minutes gone.

Holder-Spooner passed inside to Montgomery who let fly from 25 yards, but Wells managed to turn it round the post.

As the game entered three minutes of added time, the Darts almost stole victory but substitute Ryan Hayes sent a free header over much to the relief of most of the 604 crowd.

## City errors hurt

**BLUE SQUARE**

**SALISBURY CITY 1  
FARNBOROUGH 3**  
SALISBURY City slumped to a very disappointing defeat to 20th placed Farnborough who themselves were on a run of seven defeats in a row.

A new management team and several new additions to the squad may have helped their cause, but Salisbury only had themselves to blame with individual errors responsible for all three away goals.

The first half was a dull affair but Farnborough fired warning shots with chances from Phillip Appiah and ex-Salisbury player Reece Connolly. But bizarrely it was the home side that went ahead one minute into time added on when Dan Fitchett crossed from the left for **JAKE REID** to net at the near post.

Salisbury bucked themselves up at half-time for a short period and might have doubled their advantage but Farnborough keeper Thomas Lovelock kept out Reid's effort.

On 57 minutes a cross-shot from **RYAN BLAKE** fizzed into the far corner of the Salisbury net across keeper Tommy Smith for the equaliser.

And two minutes later new-signing **DEAN BENNETT** gave his side the lead after Josh Casey carelessly lost the ball halfway inside his own half.

On 67 minutes Smith did well to block Connolly in a one-on-one. But seconds later Jack Holland should have done better with a volley from five yards.

With 20 minutes remaining Casey again carelessly lost the ball to **BENNETT** who strode through on goal to make it 3-1.

And Salisbury's only reply was on 86 minutes with a Charlie Knight left-foot effort which brought a great save from Lovelock.

## Totton keep up their winning run

**BEDFORD TOWN 1  
AFC TOTTON 2**

TOTTON maintained their Evo-Stik Southern League Premier title challenge with an entertaining win at Bedford Town.

The home side went close after nine minutes as Ollie Thorne's powerful header was cleared off the line by Jonathan Davies. A minute later Totton created their first effort when Stefan Brown shot just wide from

Nathaniel Sherborne's cross.

Just after the half-hour Sherborne's point blank header from Mike Gosney's cross was superbly turned away by keeper Ian Brown.

The Stags led in the 37th minute when Sherborne was tripped by Gavin Hoyte and **GOSNEY** netted the penalty.

In first half stoppage time both sides had chances. First Bedford's Jon Darby headed inches over before

Gosney's shot on the run was well blocked by Brown.

Just a minute into the second half the home side were back on level terms when the ball was headed down to **JERMAINE HALL**, who fired home. But ten minutes later the Stags were back in front after they were awarded a second spot kick.

Davies played **GOSNEY** into the area, who was brought down by Brown before the Stags wide-man

sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot.

Midway through the half Sherborne and Pettefer both went close to increasing Totton's lead and then on 72 minutes Jamie Cole shot just wide for the home side.

With five minutes remaining Bedford's Hoyte headed just wide before Totton substitute Mark Osman's run ended with his shot being pushed past the post.



# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

**Wheeler's double ton**  
CRAIG Wheeler clocked up his 200th appearance for Amesbury Town in their 2-1 Sydenhams One victory over Fleet Spurs last Saturday.

Wheeler, pictured below, who will soon be 24, made his first-team Blues debut on December 3, 2005 at home to Andover New Street shortly after his 18th birthday. Having suffered a 4-0 reverse at Fleet earlier in the season, Amesbury made amends through Nathan Jones and Toni Camilleri.



**Big turnout for Ernie**  
MORE than 300 people attended the service of thanksgiving for Bournemouth Poppies' much-loved late president Ernie Stimpson, below, on November 11.

"It was a turnout to remember for a great man who had been with Bournemouth for over 70 years," reported

Poppies' secretary Mike Robins.

"There were representatives from the County FA and Bournemouth FA, together

with a number of former managers and players, mingling with friends and family. There was also a good turnout from the current squad wishing to pay their last respects.

"Thanks to everyone for their condolences, they were much appreciated."

**Town's New boy**  
PETERSFIELD Town have welcomed back their top goal scorer from last season.

Mike Newman – scorer of 21 Wessex goals last term – has returned to the Sydenhams One outfit following a spell at divisional rivals AFC Portchester.

Newman reportedly rejected approaches from Horndean and Hayling United to rejoin his former club.

More good news for Petersfield is that forward Callum Coker has turned down approaches from Alresford Town and Hayling United to remain at Love Lane.

# FA PRAISE AS LEAGUE BREAKS NEW GROUND

## All-female group of officials for Sydenhams Premier clash

**THE Sydenhams League will break new ground next Saturday when Totton & Eling host Lymington Town.**

For the first time in a Wessex Premier Division match, all three officials will be female.

Lucy May – widely recognised as one of the league's best referees – will be in the middle, assisted by Paula Wyatt and Amy Robinson on the line.

It follows on from 2008 when May was first assisted by two fellow females in a Sydenhams Combination game.

The Wessex League have a proud tradition of supporting female officials and helped Wendy Toms and Janie Frampton on their way up the refereeing ladder.

May is currently the only female on the SWL referees' list, but Wyatt and Robinson are among six assistants looking for promotion.

Nick Taplin, the SWL's referees' appointments secretary, explained: "Lucy May is in her second season as a Level 4 referee with the Wessex League and consistently referees Premier

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Division games.

"Paula Wyatt is an experienced assistant referee and, while Amy Robinson is in her first season, all three will perform well."

There are now nearly 800 qualified female officials nationwide – an 11 per cent increase on last season – with a further 400 trainees in the pipeline.

Toms was the first to reach the top flight and, currently, Sian Massey is making her mark in the Premier League, one of the most demanding football environments in the world.

Looking ahead to next Saturday's game at Little Testwood Farm, Portsmouth-based May said: "I am very excited about it since it is the first game at this level to have three female officials. I, along with Paula and Amy, are honoured to be part of that team."

"The Wessex League have nurtured and supported me as an official since I ran my first line, aged 16, and to now be refereeing on the league is fantastic."

"It has taken a lot of hard

work, perseverance and dedication to reach where I am today and I hope to progress further. But the biggest accolade is being known as "ref" with players seeing me for my ability rather than my gender.

"We will endeavour to officiate on the game together as three referees – not three females!"

Janie Frampton, now the FA's national referee manager for education and training, was delighted to hear of the appointments.

"It is a great achievement for the Wessex League to have three female officials at this level of operation," she said.

"The Wessex League is very professionally run with quality football played."

"The female referees will learn a lot from this level and I am sure they will display the faith the league have shown in their ability and the game will be a success for all involved."

SWL chairman Bob Purkiss is delighted with the appointments and sees it as continuing proof of the Sydenhams League's encouragement of young people to get involved with the game at all levels.



TAKING THE WHISTLE: Lucy May.

'It is a great achievement for the Wessex League to have three female officials at this level of operation'

## Lucy's 'one of the best referees around'



KEV DAWTRY

TOTTON & Eling boss Kev Dawtry has welcomed the appointment of three female officials for next Saturday's showdown with Lymington Town.

It's the first time in Sydenhams League history that three women will be in charge of a Wessex Premier game with Portsmouth-based referee Lucy May flanked by assistants Paula Wyatt from Petersfield and Gosport's Amy Robinson. "Does it bother me? Not in the slightest. They're very good actually," said ex-Saints and Crystal Palace player Dawtry. "You can't have a game without officials and Lucy May is one of the best referees around."

"Whether that's partly because the fel-

las are frightened to scream and shout at her because she's a woman, I don't know. "But her understanding of the game is pretty good and she explains things to the players."

In Dawtry's book, it's May's ability to communicate that sets her apart from a few of her male counterparts.

"You can talk to her and have a laugh without her thinking that you're trying to influence her," he said.

"Most referees are OK, but one or two of them think that everyone's come to football just to watch the ref and there's a mentality among some of them to talk to players and managers like a school-teacher."

"They tell you that if you've got something to say to have word with them at half-time and, when you do, they tell you to clear off!"

"The players have known about next week's all-female appointment for some time and they haven't really said too much about it. We had a female linesman here last Friday for the Winchester City game."

"I don't mind who we have refereeing. As I always say, the best team wins the league and the worst team gets relegated irrespective of refereeing decisions."

"Referees don't change things so much that the team that deserves to win the league doesn't."

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# Non-league Football

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**THE general consensus of opinion among Sydenhams Wessex managers is that if Winchester City keep hold of ex-Saints striker Jamie White, they will win the league.**

And on the evidence of City's 2-0 win at Little Testwood Park eight days ago, Totton & Eling boss Kev Dawtry would tend to agree.

Although there was little to choose between the sides on the night, two inspired finishes by White, pictured right, proved the difference.

"In all honesty, I would say we kept Jamie pretty quiet," said Dawtry.

"But he got two half chances and he took them.

"His second goal was a finish that you wouldn't see by anyone else in this league.

"He brought the ball down with his right foot and hit with his left all in one movement and lofted it over our keeper Tony Harrop.

"You just had to take your hat off to him for that."

Totton & Eling know all about White, having signed him for a brief spell last season when he was getting over the latest in a cruel spate of injuries that sabotaged a promising Football League career.

The Harefield lad left the Millers to continue his rehabilitation in Australia's Queensland State League and, since returning to England and signing for Winchester, has plundered 13 goals in eight Wessex appearances.

"Jamie looks much fitter and sharper now," said Dawtry.

"He came to us from Eastleigh having just recovered from a knee operation and he hadn't played football for a while.

"He came training and we played him in a reserve game and then stuck him straight in the first team for four or five games.

"Whereas we played him out on the wing, Winchester are playing him at centre-forward. You need to be a bit

## WHITE SENDING CITY STOCK THROUGH THE ROOF

**'His second goal was a finish you wouldn't see by anyone else in the league'**

stronger for that and it looks to me as if Jamie's bulked up a bit.

"The report on our website said that if Winchester keep Jamie (and ex-Spurs defender Leigh Mills) they will win the league and I have to say that Jamie's finishing made the difference against us.

"He took his two chances and we didn't take ours. Their keeper made two or three good saves from Craig Feeney, but our best chance fell to Jo (ex-Saint Jo Tessem) who was eight yards out. He tried to place it in the corner and their left-back has stuck a foot

out and the ball's hit him on the heel and come out again."

Winchester owner Paul McCarthy does not know how long he will be able to keep 21-year-old White, but hopes it is long enough to ensure his side keeps winning in spectacular fashion.

"You will never meet a more genuine guy than Jamie, he's a true professional and such a class player," he said.

"I have no idea how long we will be able to keep him. There have been league clubs sniffing around and I'm not surprised."



## Sandell ready to put boot into Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH could find themselves up against former Salisbury City and Aldershot Town left-back Andy Sandell in the FA Trophy next Saturday (November 26).

The 28-year-old, left, has quit professional football with Wycombe Wanderers to join the Spitfires' third qualifying round hosts Chippenham Town of the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

Despite having a year left to

run on his Chairboys contract, Sandell has opted to drop back into non-League football to rediscover his love of the game.

The Wiltshire-born player joined Wycombe in the summer of 2010 and was part of their promotion-winning team last season.

But he lost his place following a brief spell out injured and, following a short loan spell at Forest Green Rovers,

opted to terminate his Adams Park contract, explaining: "There's a time where you're not happy and you've got to move on."

"If I'm not playing I'm not a very nice person, so it was just best that I left."

Wiltshire-born Sandell began his professional career at Bristol Rovers where he made 47 appearances.

He joined Salisbury on loan before signing a permanent

deal with the Whites in 2007 and then moved back into the professional ranks with Aldershot in 2009.

Sandell intends playing part-time football in the Southern League until January and then hopefully step back into the professional game.

Chippenham boss Andy Mings said: "It's not every day you get someone who steps out of League One. His quality should shine through."

## Non-league News

**Harlequins honoured**  
BEMERTON Heath Harlequins have been named Sydenhams Premier club-of-the-month for October.

Ian Chalk's, pictured below, men cemented their place at the summit by picking up 16 of a possible 18 points.

The Harlequins clocked up away wins at

Bourne-mouth Poppies, Newport loW,

Moneyfields and Alresford,

drew at Alton and won their only home match of the month 3-0 against Fawley.

The Division One award goes to East Cowes Vics, who have announced the signing of Joe Rayner from top-flight Island neighbours Brading Town where he was captain.



**Millers' festive spirit**  
TOTTON & Eling have agreed to Romsey Town's request not to play on Boxing Day. Following the Sydenhams League's decision to introduce a Christmas programme of games, the

Millers pencilled in Romsey's Premier Division visit for 1pm on December 26 at Little Testwood Farm.

But that would have left Town boss Wayne Mew, pictured, woefully short of players, so the game has been confirmed for Wednesday, December 28 (7.45pm) instead.

"Wayne came to see me and said he wouldn't have a team if they played us on Boxing Day, so we're going to play it on Wednesday night instead," said T&E boss Kev Dawtry.

"If he beats me, I'll be bloody annoyed!" he smiled.

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# Non-league Football

## ■ FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, November 21**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
 Tottenham v Aston Villa (8.00).  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
**Division One South & West:** Gosport Borough v Abingdon Utd.  
**PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP**  
**Quarter-final:** Paulsgrove v US Portsmouth.  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Division One East:** Winchester City v GE Hamble.

**Tuesday, November 22**  
**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**  
**Group A:** Bayern Munich v Villarreal, Napoli v Man City.  
**Group B:** CSKA Moscow v Lille, Trabzonspor v Inter Milan.  
**Group C:** Man Utd v Benfica, Otelul Galati v Basle.  
**Group D:** Lyon v Ajax, Real Madrid v Dinamo Zagreb.  
**FA CUP**  
**First round replays:** Aldershot v Maidenhead Utd, Gillingham v Bournemouth, Grimsby v Port Vale, Oxford City v Redbridge, Scunthorpe v AFC Wimbledon, Southend v Preston, Stourbridge v Plymouth, Tamworth v Hinckley Utd, Wrexham v Cambridge Utd.  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Championship:** Birmingham v Burnley, Coventry v Cardiff.  
**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
**South:** Basingstoke v Boreham Wood, Bromley v Hampton & Richmond, Woking v Chelmsford.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Chippenham v St Albans.  
**Division One South & West:** Didcot v Sholing.  
**Red Insure Cup, second round:** AFC Totton v Poole Town, Wimborne Town v Thatcham Town.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Alton v Horndean, Bournemouth Poppies v Hamworthy, Hayling v Moneyfields, Romsey v New Milton.  
**SWL Cup, second round:** Downton v Blackfield & Langley.  
**Third round:** Tadley Calleva v Christchurch.

**PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP**  
**Quarter-final:** Gosport Borough Res v Shearer.  
**ANDOVER OPEN CUP**  
**First round:** Whitchurch Utd v Winchester Castle.  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Sholing v Newport IoW.

**Wednesday, November 23**  
**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**  
**Group E:** Bayer Leverkusen v Chelsea, Valencia v Genk.  
**Group F:** Arsenal v Borussia Dortmund, Marseille v Olympiacos.  
**Group G:** Shakhtar Donetsk v FC Porto, Zenit St Petersburg v Apoel Nico.  
**Group H:** AC Milan v Barcelona, BATE v Zenit.  
**FA CUP**  
**First round replays:** Bath City v Dag & Red, Walsall v Exeter.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Fawley v Alresford, Winchester City v Brading.  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Poole Town v Christchurch.

**Thursday, November 24**  
**PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP**  
**Quarter-final:** Moneyfields v AFC Portchester.

**Friday, November 25**  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**League 2:** Barnet v Macclesfield, Port Vale v Torquay.  
**SKY SPORTS VICTORY SHIELD**  
 Scotland U16 v England U16.

**Saturday, November 26**  
*(3pm to unless stated otherwise)*  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
 Arsenal v Fulham (5.30), Bolton v Everton, Chelsea v Wolverhampton, Man Utd v Newcastle, Norwich v QPR, Stoke v Blackburn (12.45), Sunderland v Wigan, West Brom v Tottenham.  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Championship:** Blackpool v Birmingham, Brighton v Coventry, Bristol City v SAINTS, Cardiff v Nottm Forest, Crystal Palace v Millwall, Doncaster v Watford, Hull v Burnley, Ipswich v Reading, Leeds v Barnsley, Peterborough v Middlesbrough, Portsmouth v Leicester, West Ham v Derby (5.20).  
**League 1:** Bournemouth v Oldham, Bury v Preston, Carlisle v Colchester, Chesterfield v Sheff Utd, Exeter v Tranmere, Hartlepool

v Yeovil, Milton Keynes Dons v Wycombe, Notts County v Scunthorpe, Rochdale v Brentford, Sheff Wed v Leyton Orient.  
**League 2:** Stevenage v Walsall, Accrington Stanley v Dag & Red, Burton Albion v AFC Wimbledon, Crewe v Hereford, Gillingham v Bradford, Oxford Utd v Cheltenham, Plymouth v Northampton, Rotherham v Crawley Town, Shrewsbury v Morecambe, Southend v Bristol Rovers, Swindon v Aldershot.  
**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
**Premier:** AFC Telford v Barrow, Alfreton Town v Hayes & Yeading, Bath City v Mansfield, Braintree Town v Wrexham, Darlington v Tamworth, Forest Green v York, Gateshead v Fleetwood Town, Kettering v Grimsby, Kidderminster v Cambridge Utd, Lincoln City v Ebbsfleet United, Newport County v Luton, Stockport v Southport.

**FA TROPHY**  
**Third qualifying round:** Corby Town v North Ferriby, Blyth Spartans v Stalybridge Celtic, Boston v Workington, Sheffield v Nuneaton, Gainsborough v Hinckley, Worcester City v Harrogate, Colwyn Bay v FC Halifax, Worksop v Curzon Ashton, Guiseley v Eastwood, Stourbridge v Chester, Matlock v Hyde, Solihull Moors v Ossett Town, Droylsden v Witton Albion, Northwich Victoria v Ilkeston, Vauxhall Motors v Marine, Farnborough v Bury Town, Maldon & Tiptree v Carshalton, Sutton v Basingstoke, Banbury v Wealdstone, Bishop's Stortford v Tonbridge Angels, Thamesmead v Welling, Chelmsford v Woking, Bromley v Didcot, Folkestone Invicta v Staines, Redridge v East Thurrock, Eastbourne Borough v Dartford, Thurrock v AFC Hornchurch, Uxbridge v Histon, Harlow v Lowestoft, Hampton & Richmond v Canvey Island, Brackley v Chertsey, Maidenhead v Billericay, Boreham Wood v Dover, Tiverton v Swindon Supermarine, Gloucester v Truro, Salisbury City v Weston-super-Mare, Dorchester v Gosport Borough, Chippenham v Eastleigh, Weymouth v Havant & Waterlooville.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Bashley v Bedford, Cambridge City v Evesham, Cirencester v Hemel Hempstead, Frome v Chesham, Leamington v St Albans, Redditch v Arlesey.

**Division One South & West:** Bideford v Stourport Swifts, Bridgwater v North Leigh, Halesowen v Poole Town, Hungerford v Mangotsfield, Sholing v Taunton, Wimborne v Cinderford, Yate v Abingdon Utd.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Alton v Fawley, Bournemouth Poppies v Fareham, Brading v Alresford, Christchurch v Horndean, Downton v Newport IoW, GE Hamble v Moneyfields, Hamworthy v Blackfield & Langley, Hayling v Laverstock & Ford, New Milton v Bemerton HH, Totton & Eling v Lyminster, Winchester City v Romsey.

**Division One:** Amesbury v Hythe & Dibden, Andover NS v Ringwood, East Cowes Vics v Pewsey Vale, Petersfield v US Portsmouth, Team Solent v Fleet Spurs, Venwood v Stockbridge, Warmminster v Brockenhurst, Whitchurch v AFC Portchester.  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Division One:** AFC Aldermaston v Bournemouth Sports, Clanfield v QK Southampton, Colden Common v Fleetlands, Hamble Club v Hedge End Rangers, Liphook Utd v AFC Stoneham, Liss Athletic v Locks Heath, Overtown v Paulsgrove, Sporting BW v Otterbourne, University of Portsmouth v Winchester Castle.

**Combination:** AFC Stoneham v Liss Athletic, Fleetlands v Colden Common, Locks Heath v Liphook, Otterbourne v Hamble Club, Paulsgrove v Clanfield, QK Southampton v Sporting BW.  
**MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004**  
 Broughton v Andover Lions, Dursley v Crusaders, Fair Oak v Four Marks, Horndean v Botley Village, Infinity v Portsmouth RN, Upham v Mottifont.  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Bemerton HH v Gosport Borough, Newport IoW v Moneyfields.

**Wyvern League Cup, third round:** Romsey Town v GE Hamble  
**Division One East:** AFC Portchester v Whitchurch, Alresford v Hayling, Horndean v Petersfield.

**Division One West:** Fawley v Downton, Hythe & Dibden v Venwood, Laverstock & Ford v Totton & Eling, Ringwood v Lyminster.

**HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP**  
**Second round:** Tadley Calleva v Lyndhurst or East Cowes.

## Cuss moves to replace Cherries duo

FORMER Sholing and Winchester City defender Nathan Peprah-Annan has joined Evo-Stik Southern One South & West rivals Wimborne Town.

The former Spurs trainee has dual-signed for the Magpies from Blue Square Bet outfit Dorchester whom he rejoined after leaving Sholing during the summer.

"Nathan's pedigree is very good," said Wimborne boss Steve Cuss.

"He has been finding starts hard to come by at Dorchester and a couple of injuries have held him back.

"Being dual registered will allow him to get some games so it will benefit him and us."

Also new in at Cuthbury is teenage striker Rob Clowes, who has joined Wimborne on a month's loan.

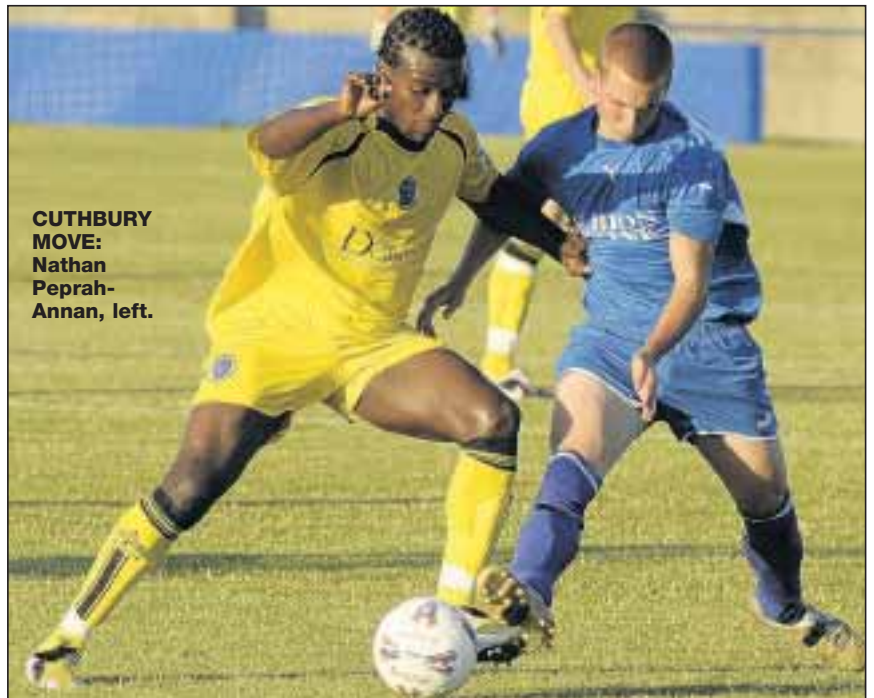
The 18-year-old is a first-year professional with the Glovers, having been an integral part of their youth team for the past two seasons.

"Rob is a young lad who has progressed through the ranks at Yeovil," Cuss explained.

"He is predominantly a striker but can play a number of different positions, although he prefers to play up front.

"He had a spell on loan at Sherborne in the Western League last season so this is a natural progression for him."

Cuss has moved to strengthen his squad now that AFC Bournemouth duo Dan



**CUTHBURY MOVE:**  
**Nathan Peprah-Annan, left.**

Strugnell and Alex Parsons have ended their respective three-month loan spells. Wimborne will discuss the possibility of bringing the pair back once the transfer window has reopened in January. Strugnell and Parsons' hopes of going out on a high were sunk as Wimborne

slumped to a 3-1 league defeat at home to fellow strugglers Abingdon United last Saturday.

Magpies were left fuming when United's Adam Kingsbeer made contact with Jordan Cole's face only to receive a yellow card.

Worse was to follow for

Cuss's charges when former Liverpool trainee Ryan Wignall was sent off for foul and abusive language.

"Ryan swore at the referee and has to take responsibility for that," said Cuss. "He will lose out on three games which is frustrating. He's a big player for us."

## SLEEP AXED AS 'PORT SEEK RESULTS UPTURN

**A SECOND of the Sydenhams League's Isle of Wight clubs is undergoing a change of manager.**

Hot on the heels of Steve Brougham's departure from Brading Town came news that Premier Division rivals Newport IoW had dispensed with the services of Paul Sleep, writes **WENDY GEE**.

Sleep, pictured right, stepped up from his role as assistant manager when Derek Ohren left St George's Park eight months ago and finished last season on a high with victory in the Russell Cotes and Isle of Wight Gold cups.

He had high hopes of building on that success, but the loss of key players like Charlie Smeeton (Winchester City), Iain Seabrook (Sholing), Scott Sampson (Blackfield & Langley to AFC Totton) and, latterly, John McKie (AFC Totton) to mainland clubs made that a tall order.

After a decent start to the campaign, Port have run out of steam in recent weeks and last Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Alton Town was their eighth league game without a win.

That dreadful run has dropped the Island's biggest club – a Southern Premier outfit just

ten years ago – precariously close to the relegation zone.

A statement issued by Newport chairman Paul Phelps in the wake of the Alton defeat said: "I have to announce that Paul Sleep has been relieved of his duties as our football manager. It follows a somewhat dreadful run of results. For a club of our size to be struggling at the bottom end of the Wessex Premier League table is not acceptable.

"I would like to thank Paul on behalf of the club for the enthusiasm and hard work he has put in, particularly over the past eight months, and wish him well for the future.

"He was not helped by the sudden exodus of players in the summer and could not manage to bring together a successful side this season."

Former Bashley and Salisbury City goalkeeper John Simpkins, Newport's club secretary, has taken temporary charge of the team until a permanent replacement is found.

Brading have filled their managerial vacancy with Nigel Murray, who spent 12 years at Vicarage Lane as a player and was assistant to Andy Sampson at Cowes Sports.





# Non-league Football

## Marv-elous City debut

SALISBURY City fell to their fourth straight Blue Square South defeat at Welling United on Tuesday, but will have been heartened by a fine debut from new signing Marvin Williams.

The former Millwall, Brentford, Yeovil and Torquay frontman was pointed in Whites' direction by former City boss Tommy Widdrington at Hemel Hempstead Town because the 24-year-old wanted to get back into full-time football.

Williams scored with two excellent finishes in Salisbury's luckless 4-3 loss which was swayed by the sending off of keeper Tommy Smith.

Welcoming Williams to Old Sarum, Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke, pictured, said: "He is a very quick and exciting player with a great pedigree, having played over 100 games in the Football League. He has rather lost his way a little in part-time football but is



delighted to get back to the full-time game."

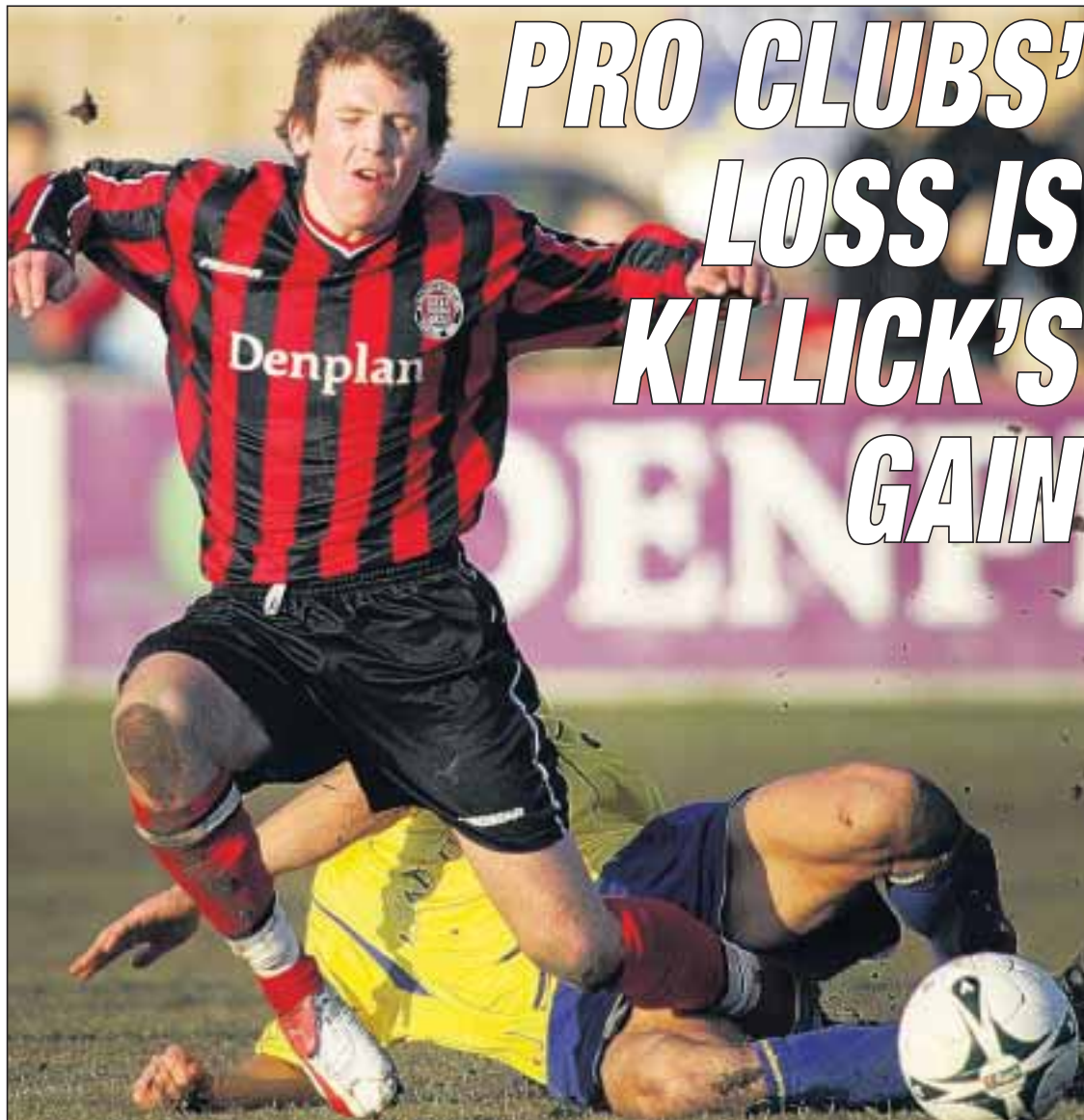
In a week of changes to the Salisbury squad, Claudio Herbert has been released and the loans of Portsmouth's Lewis Stockford and Reading's Charlie Losasso have not been extended.

Striker Matt Wright has been loaned to Southern Premier outfit Hemel Hempstead and Whites have added Romario Hart and Michael Alexis to their squad.

Hart, a speedy 17-year-old striker, has signed Conference forms as reward for some impressive performances at youth team level.

Midfield man Alexis, 26, is another from Hemel Hempstead, having previously played for Didcot Town and had League experience with Oxford United.

"Michael ran the game against us when we played Didcot last season and has great potential to do well at our level," commented Clarke.



## PRO CLUBS' LOSS IS KILICK'S GAIN

**POOLE Town have welcomed Pete Smith back to the Tatnam Ground on a short-term basis.**

The 26-year-old former Lymington & New Milton and Winchester City right-back, pictured above, has been playing Conference South football since leaving Poole for St Albans City in November 2009.

Highly regarded at St Albans, he immediately picked up three player-of-the-month awards and topped that with the players' player and supporters' player-of-the-year prizes.

This season Smith, a former AFC Bournemouth trialist, has been playing for Staines Town and featured for the Swans in their 2-1 league defeat at Eastleigh in September.

Because he is based in London, Smith could struggle for midweek availability, but Poole boss Tom Killick is happy to have the diminutive defender back on board.

"Pete is small in stature but I look at some of the guys playing professional football and think he was one who was unfortunate to miss out on that," he said.

Smith made his comeback for Poole in last Saturday's impressive 2-0 humbling of Evo-Stik South & West leaders Hungerford Town at Bulpit Lane.

Micky Hubbard's penalty and a Marvin Brooks goal clinched what Killick termed an "exceptional" victory, but the biggest plus for the manager was restricting Hungerford to precious few chances.

■ EASTLEIGH FC are hosting an audience with Chelsea legend Ron 'Chopper' Harris next month.

■ The former Stamford Bridge hardman will be holding court in the Silverlake Stadium clubhouse on Thursday, December 15.

■ Harris, a virtual ever-present for Chelsea during the 1960s and 70s, was widely regarded as one of the toughest defenders of that era - hence his 'Chopper' nickname.

■ He became captain of the Blues in 1967 and led them out in the FA Cup final against Tottenham that year when they were defeated 2-1.

■ Three years later he skippered them to FA Cup glory against Leeds United and the following season famously lifted the Cup Winners' Cup after victory over Real Madrid.

■ Tickets are £15 each or £140 for a table of ten, including entry and food, and can be purchased via Eastleigh's administration manager Shauna Taylor at the main office/club shop or by calling 023 80 613361.

"They hit the post early on but, other than that, I can't remember them having any opportunities to score because we worked so hard as a team," said Killick. "Teams will go there and win and Hungerford are by no means world beaters."

"But it's going on runs and getting points in clutches that propels you into the higher reaches of the table and keeps you there. Mediocre teams can win games in isolation, but successful ones put together a run of positive results."

Alas for Poole, they couldn't repeat Saturday's triumph on Tuesday as they stumbled to a 1-0 home defeat by promotion-pushing Paulton Rovers.

Ex-Andover and Salisbury winger Claudio Herbert has also joined the Dolphins and scored in their recent Red Insure Cup victory over Bashley.

"Claudio lives in Andover and doesn't drive. I am hoping we might be able to work out something," said Killick.

"He looked as if he had something to offer and scored an unbelievable goal at Bashley. He looked quick and had some good touches."

## Non-league News

**Gregory goes home**  
FORMER Portsmouth right-sided player Peter Gregory has joined his home town club Eastbourne Borough of the Blue Square Bet South. The 19-year-old has been a free agent since being released by ex-Pompey boss Steve Cotterill, pictured below, at the end of last season.

He made two appearances for the Fratton Park outfit last term, going on as a substitute against Coventry in the Championship and then in the Carling Cup tie with Stevenage.

Gregory wasn't signed on in time to be considered for Eastbourne's 0-0 draw at Havant & Waterlooville last Saturday.



## BB experience

SYDENHAMS One club Fleet Spurs have signed Bimal Bilal on dual registration from Farnborough.

Bilal is a utility player who has most recently played on the left of midfield for his Blue Square Bet South parent club.

Also joining the north Hampshire outfit is no-nonsense centre-half Glenn Hurst, formerly of Hartley Wintney, Farnham Town and Cove.

Fleet Spurs boss Andy Hunt said: "Bimal is a young lad and Farnborough are keen for him and a number of their young group of players to gain experience playing adult football."

"With regards to Glenn, I have played with and against him for a number of seasons. He brings experience and is a solid player who will add quality to the squad and increase competition for places."

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## Did You Know?

### SPORTS QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It feels good to actually be there playing properly instead of slashing the ball all over the place" - golf's former world number one Tiger Woods reflects on his surge to the halfway lead in the Australian Open.

"It would be the same if you guys (the media) have 10 stories you have written through the year and eight of them were pretty crap, you've had negative comments, and two of them were good. You're not going to feel great that you've written two good stories, so it's the same thing for me," - Lewis Hamilton explains to journalists how they would feel under the same spotlight as the McLaren driver finds himself.

"I'm not God, I don't speak English very well - I don't speak Italian very well - and I make many mistakes. But after 30 years in football, I think I understand it a little bit" - Giovanni Trapattoni deflects praise for his late decision to include Jonathan Walters in the Republic of Ireland side that beat Estonia 4-0 in Tallinn.

"My spit, instead of finding the ground, regrettably struck Richard Steadman in the chest, and I apologise to him for this" - Wigan captain Antolin Alcaraz's written apology for spitting at Wolves' Richard Stearman, issued via the Latics' website, may have added further insult with the misidentification of the victim.

"I said to the referee 'you shouldn't have stopped it, he was going to get knocked out' and he said 'yeah, exactly'" - Britain's Commonwealth heavyweight champion Tyson Fury gets his head around the nuances of referee Phil Edwards' job after beating Neven Pajkic.

"I'm exhausted at the moment but I'm sure I will pick up after a margarita" - Scotland's Catriona Matthew prepares to celebrate victory in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational in Mexico.

"I read stuff and I just want to laugh because people construct these conspiracy theories from tittle-tattle and nonsense, and it's absolute drivel on all fronts" - Williams chairman Adam Parr on rumours linking the team with Kimi Raikkonen for 2012.

"It is like giving a machine gun to a monkey. It can be fantastic or it can be an absolute disaster too," - England and Wales Cricket Board managing director Hugh Morris on the use of Twitter by sportsmen.

"There is no racism. There is maybe one of the players towards another - he has a word or a gesture which is not the correct one. But the one who is affected by that, he should say that this is a game. We are in a game, and at the end of the game, we shake hands, and this can happen, because we have worked so hard against racism and discrimination" - FIFA president Sepp Blatter takes the ill-advised step of suggesting there is no racism in football.

"My comments have been misunderstood. What I wanted to express is that, as football players, during a match, you have 'battles' with your opponents, and sometimes things are done which are wrong. But, normally, at the end of the match, you apologise to your opponent if you had a confrontation during the match, you shake hands, and when the game is over, it is over" - Blatter attempts to backtrack.



## Non-league Football

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**WHEN Stefan Brown sprang off the substitutes' bench during AFC Totton's first venture into the FA Cup first round proper, his ambition was just "to do a shift and make sure we got through."**

No one could have foreseen that he would end up as a record breaker in the world's most famous domestic knockout competition - not least the 22-year-old himself!

By the time Brown was thrown into the action by manager Stuart Ritchie in the 56th minute, the rampant Stags were 4-1 up with one foot firmly in the second round.

Bradford Park Avenue, their Northern Premier visitors, had done themselves no favours by having striker Richard Marshall sent off for petulantly pushing Tom Baddeley in the chest with just 12 minutes gone.

Totton remorselessly punished the ten men with goals by Jonathan Davies, Mike Gosney (2) and Michael Charles and Brown's arrival ruthlessly twisted the knife.

Eight minutes after going on for Charles he emphatically blasted home Gosney's cross from the left to make it 5-1.

Then, following the dismissal of another Bradford man, Martin Drury, for a second yellow, Brown greedily helped himself to two more goals to complete a 'Stag-gering' 15-minute hat-trick.

It was only after Davies had capped a remarkable 8-1 rout in front of a jubilant club record 2,315 crowd that news filtered through to Brown that his was the fastest treble ever scored by an FA Cup substitute.

The pacy former Thatcham Town striker, signed by Totton in May last year, was modest about the achievement.

"I'll take a hat-trick every day of the week, of course, but I'm just glad the club's in the next round," he smiled.

"I went on to do a shift and just make sure we got through, but happily the goals came for me.

"The second one was the most pleasing. The ball was bobbling around all over the pitch and I wasn't sure what I was going to do."

Brown was a regular starter for Totton earlier in the season as the newly promoted Stags got off to a flying start in the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division.

But he has been in and out since then due to a series of niggling injuries and, with Nathaniel Sherborne, Charles, Mark Osman and, latterly, Nathan Jack vying for frontline places, the fit-again striker knows better than to think he can walk straight back into the side.

"We've got good competition all over the park, so there are times when you've got to expect to be on the bench," he said. "Obviously I'm

# That's not a Brown his Cup

**FOUR THEY ARE JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS:** From left - Jonathan Davies, Stefan Brown, Michael Charles and Mike Gosney celebrate after scoring the goals in the 8-1 annihilation of Bradford Park Avenue.



**DELIGHT:** Stefan Brown celebrates after completing his rapid FA Cup hat-trick against Bradford Park Avenue.

not excited by that, but I'm just happy to be part of the team.

"Just because you score a hat-trick as a substitute doesn't guarantee you'll get back in the side.

"Sherbs scored one off the bench earlier in the season (against Swindon Supermarine) but he didn't start the next game.

"You can never second guess what Stu (Ritchie) is going to do and that's what makes him such a good manager."

Brown hails from Reading but travels to Totton from Portsmouth where he is in the third year of a sports development course at university.

As a youngster he played in the same Newbury team as Arsenal and

England's Theo Walcott, Burnley's former Swindon and Poole striker Charlie Austin and Scott Doe, a former Swindon youth defender now with Dagenham & Redbridge.

Prior to last Saturday, Brown's furthest progress in a national cup competition had been reaching the second round of the FA Youth Cup with Thatcham, so the Bradford tie is easily the highlight of his career so far.

That, though, is about to be eclipsed by the visit of npower League Two outfit Bristol Rovers on Sunday, December 4 (12.30pm) which will be screened live on ITV1, landing the Salisbury Road club a minimum £72,000 windfall.

Some say the FA Cup has lost the

sheen of years gone by - but not from where young Brown is standing.

"It may have done for some of the bigger sides, but clubs lower down the leagues love the magic of the FA Cup," he said.

"They need the money and it means so much to everyone.

"You could see by the crowd's reaction against Bradford that this cup run has invigorated the whole town.

"We've got a young side at Totton, we're all the same sort of age, and that's what makes this squad so special.

"We have a laugh and go out as a group as well as playing football together."

Brown's hat-trick heroics did earn him a start for Wednesday's Southern Premier trip to Frome Town.

And his goal-den touch was again in evidence as he scored twice in a 3-1 victory to hoist the Stags up to second spot.

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# Non-league Football

## bad shift, Stefan!

### relives heroics



## Buckle calls for TV repeat

**BRISTOL Rovers boss Paul Buckle admits AFC Totton will be "relishing the opportunity" to inflict live TV humiliation on his League 1 outfit.**

But the former Torquay United boss is confident his players can pull off their second away win of the season in front of the live cameras.

Rovers' opening game of the season – away at AFC Wimbledon, the hosts' first ever Football League encounter – was live on Sky.

The cameras probably turned up hoping for a Wimbledon success, but Rovers spoiled the party that day with a 3-2 victory.

Since then, they have only won away once in league or cup action.

Buckle said: "Cameras usually turn up somewhere because the TV people think there might be a shock, so it's up to us to go out (at Totton) with the right attitude and desire to go and win the game."

"The underdog always has a chance in the FA Cup because they never have any pressure."

"Totton will be relishing the opportunity to play against us and try and knock us out."

"We showed what we can do in front of the cameras at AFC Wimbledon at the start of the season and this would be another chance for the boys to go out and perform."

Buckle will be telling his men to show the same character at Testwood Stadium as he did against another

non league club, Corby Town, last weekend.

Corby, who play a level above the Stags in the Blue Square North, lost 3-1 at the Memorial Stadium – though it was 1-1 with 16 minutes to go before Buckle's ex-Torquay pair of Mustapha Carayol and Chris Zebroski scored.

"We will have to be as professional as we were against Corby," said Buckle.

"We will take confidence from our performance and result and we will have to be at our best again to progress through to the third round."

"It's a tie for us to look forward to – although there are no easy games in football and this will be no exception."



PAUL BUCKLE

## BOOK of the WEEK

### Crackers ... to read

*Sports books for Christmas 2011*

High street retailers' craving for new customers has ensured that festive decorations have festooned many shop windows since September.

We're a little more circumspect in the sports books review department, but could mention that there's only around five weeks to go before the need to distribute some worthwhile Christmas gifts arises.

Accordingly, but without wanting to push readers (heaven forbid), here's the first of our pre-festive season pre-views.

Anyone meandering around a bookshop over the coming month will notice a veritable avalanche of Olympic-themed books.

Most are best ignored, although Steven Downes' biography of Usain Bolt (to be reviewed here in full very soon) is an exception to the rule.

In 2002, Bolt became the World Junior Championship's youngest-ever gold medalist (aged 16), since when Downes has covered a career that has blossomed beyond expectation.

Snap this one up.

We reviewed Sir Steve Redgrave's *Great Olympic Moments* a few weeks ago and asserted that it contains photographs which capture a "...selection of moments which ultimately inspired him to reach unprecedented levels of Olympic achievement."

It's no more than that, but the photography is excellent.

Had England performed better than they did at the recent Rugby World Cup, then Jonny Wilkinson's *My Autobiography* would be the Christmas book for everyone.

Instead, he was the recipient of more than his fair share of criticism and while his well-written tome will undoubtedly prove a big seller, it's audience are likely to comprise rugby aficionados and avid sports fans.

One former England rugby star who has attracted a wide readership is Brian Moore.

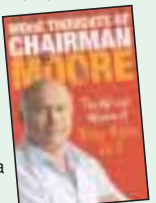
His *More Thoughts of Chairman Moore* is intelligent, bereft of waffle and cliché.

As an antidote to Christmas TV, this is a must.

The same can be said of the brilliantly touching *A Life Too Short: The Tragedy of Robert Enke* by Ronald Reng, reviewed here last month.

Finally, as Christmas is also a time for turkeys, there are several books that fall into this category yet remain prominently displayed on bookshelves. Rafael Nadal's *Rafa* enjoyed pre-publicity out of all proportion to its vacuous content, while Gary Neville's *Red* promised much and failed to deliver.

More turkeys soon, together with our pick of the year's best sports books.



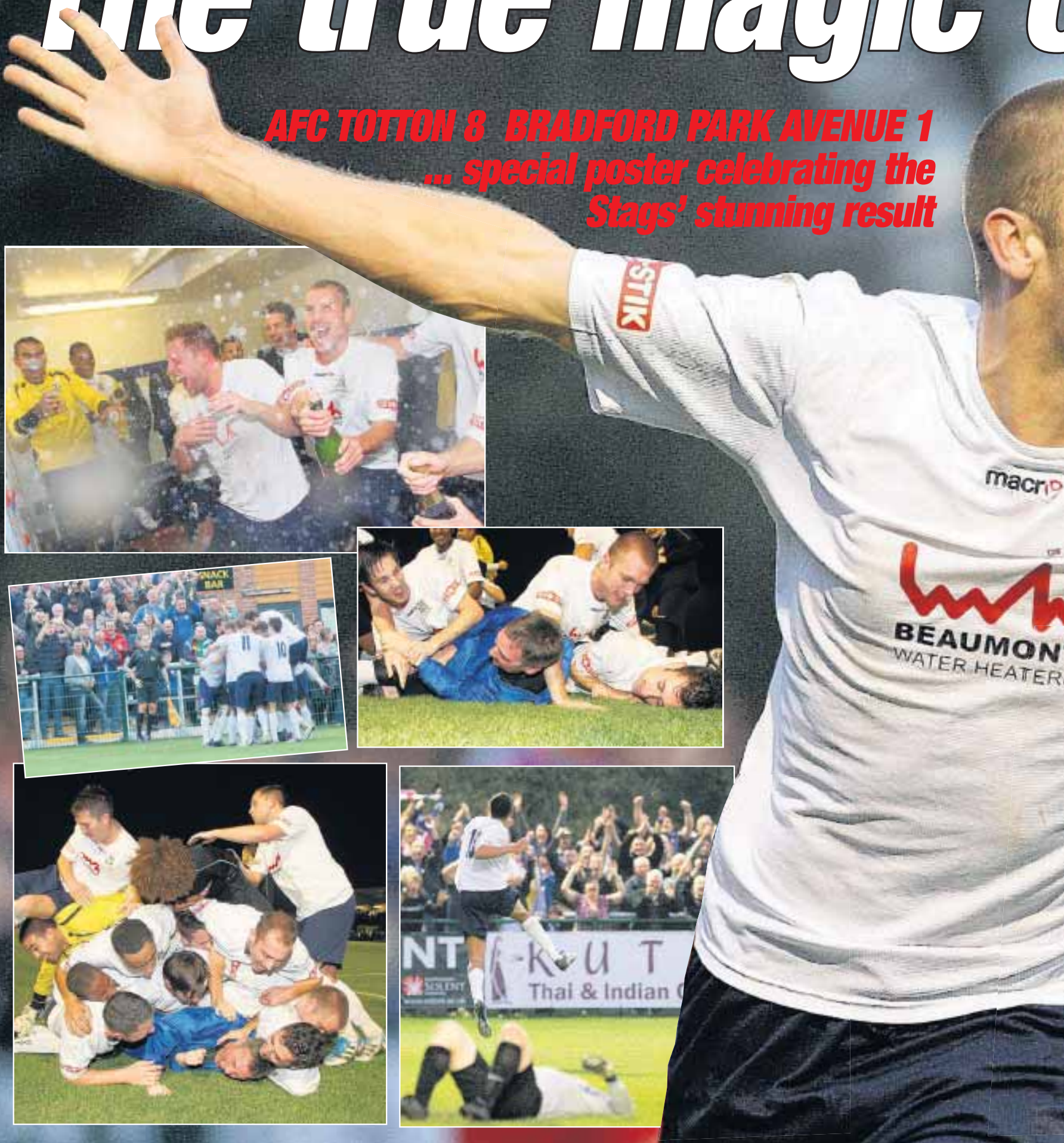
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## Player ratings



IT IS a measure of the problem Fabio Capello is going to have picking his Euro 2012 squad that of the 32 players he used in 2011, only two were goal-keepers and Steven Gerrard did not feature at all. Here, the *Sports Pink* assesses the state of the men he used and a rating out of ten based on their chances of being in the final 23-man Euro 2012 squad.



**JOE HART (9 APPEARANCES)**  
Probably the most important player in Capello's squad because the back-up is not great. Continues to improve, although prone to the occasional error due to over-confidence. Euro 2012 rating .....10



**GLEN JOHNSON (5)**  
Spell out of the team through injury but fact he was brought straight back in, as first-choice right-back, said it all. Getting better defensively. Euro 2012 rating ....8



**ASHLEY COLE (7)**  
Top-class performances now taken for granted from England's 2010 player of the year. One of those who have emerged from past failures with reputation intact. Euro 2012 rating .....10



**MICHAEL DAWSON (TWO)**  
Started the year as first choice, ended it with only a very slim chance of getting a finals ticket. Bit unfortunate for the stylish Tottenham man, but all is not lost if his form improves. Euro 2012 rating .....4



**JOHN TERRY (7)**  
Another turbulent year for the England captain, who can no longer be quite as sure of his place. Remains an inspirational figure though and competition may bring out best in him. Euro 2012 rating .....10



**THEO WALCOTT (6)**  
Ex-Saint went to the 2006 World Cup when he shouldn't, didn't go to the 2010 tournament when he should. Unlikely to be a last-minute surprise this time though. First-choice speedster on the right. Euro 2012 rating .....8



**JACK WILSHERE (4)**  
Performances in the first half of this year had Capello gushing but injury has ruled him out since. Fit and firing, Wilshere is a certainty. Needs to get back playing though. Euro 2012 rating .....10 (if fit)



**FRANK LAMPARD (7, THREE GOALS)**  
Written off post Bulgaria, captain for Spain. As age creeps up on Lampard, so the question marks become more persistent. Vast experience but at risk from emergence of Jack Rodwell and co. Euro 2012 rating .....7



**DARREN BENT (6, THREE GOALS)**  
Progressed throughout the year. Shown himself to be willing to work for the team and capable of scoring goals. With Wayne Rooney missing the first few games, Capello will be relying on him. Euro 2012 rating .....9



**WAYNE ROONEY (5, TWO GOALS)**  
Will pay for his petulant swipe in Montenegro. Capello must hope the damage is not terminal. Rooney is capable of elevating England to a higher level, if his energies are channelled in the right way. Euro 2012 rating .....10



**JAMES MILNER (8)**  
One of Capello's loyal foot soldiers. Can play on either side, pushed forward or dropping deep, or a midfield workhorse if required. His diligence allows those around him to play. Euro 2012 rating .....8



**GARETH BARRY (7)**  
Unlucky not to be credited with England's 2000th goal. A measure of England's progress is that the man Capello broke his own rules to have in South Africa has now been usurped for the holding role. Euro 2012 rating .....7



**SCOTT PARKER (7)**  
Genuine contender for England's player of the year. Knows his job and happy to do it. Doesn't seek attention or glory, just gets about his job with the minimum of fuss. Euro 2012 rating .....9



**ASHLEY YOUNG (7, FOUR GOALS)**  
The man who could edge Parker out. Recent injury should not overlook outstanding performances, rescuing England against Switzerland and Wales. Euro 2012 rating .....9



**GARY CAHILL (6, TWO GOALS)**  
Climbed the central defensive ladder despite remaining at Bolton. Forged an excellent partnership with Terry but work to do given the renewed competition for places. Euro 2012 rating ....7

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# EURO 2012 COUNTDOWN: FORMER ST MARY'S STARS

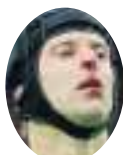
## TEAM LOWDOWN

### CROATIA

Coach: Slaven Bilic  
Star player: Luka Modric  
Previous appearances: 1996 (quarter-finals), 2004 (first round), 2008 (quarter-finals)  
Chances: Were strong favourites to win what appeared an easy qualifying group but a shock defeat in Georgia and one point from their two games with Greece forced them into the play-offs, where they cruised past Turkey. Boast one of the most sought-after players around in Modric but not the force they were in the 1990s.

### CZECH REPUBLIC

Coach: Michal Bilek  
Star player: Petr Cech, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1960 (third place\*), 1976 (winners\*), 1980 (third place\*), 1996 (runners-up), 2000 (first round), 2004 (semi-finals), 2008 (first round)  
\*As Czechoslovakia.  
Chances: Lucky even to reach the play-offs after a controversial penalty got them a draw in Scotland. The Czechs look a shadow of the side that lit up Euro 96 and Euro 2004 and it would be a major shock were they to get out of anything but the kindest of groups.



### DENMARK

Coach: Morten Olsen  
Star player: Christian Eriksen  
Previous appearances: 1964 (semi-finals), 1984 (semi-finals), 1988 (first round), 1992 (winners), 1996 (first round), 2000 (first round), 2004 (quarter-finals)  
Chances: Put a wretched 2010 behind them with a hugely impressive 2011, which saw them take 16 points from their six qualifiers to overhaul Portugal at the top of Group H, winning the sides' Copenhagen showdown last month. But the 1992 European champions will have their work cut out to reach the knockout phase in Poland and Ukraine.

### ENGLAND

Coach: Fabio Capello  
Star player: Wayne Rooney, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1968 (third place), 1980 (first round), 1988 (first round), 1992 (first round), 1996 (semi-finals), 2000 (first round), 2004 (quarter-finals)  
Chances: England's hopes could ultimately rest on whether Rooney's ban – which currently rules him out of the group stages – is reduced. Dismal performances at the last two World Cups and failure to reach Euro 2008 have left fans disillusioned but Capello does have the players to get to the last eight and beyond.

### FRANCE

Coach: Laurent Blanc  
Star player: Samir Nasri, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1960 (fourth place), 1984 (winners), 1992 (first round), 1996 (semi-finals), 2000 (winners), 2004 (quarter-finals), 2008 (first round)  
Chances: Narrowly avoided the play-offs after scraping a home draw with Bosnia-Herzegovina, France are nevertheless unbeaten in 17 games. Their biggest enemy in Poland and Ukraine is likely to be themselves, as shown by their mutinous 2010 World Cup campaign, but they have the talent to reach the semi-finals.



### GERMANY

Coach: Joachim Low  
Star player: Mesut Ozil  
Previous appearances: 1972 (winners\*), 1976 (runners-up\*), 1980 (winners\*), 1984 (first round\*), 1988 (semi-finals\*), 1992 (runners-up), 1996 (winners), 2000 (first round), 2004 (first round), 2008 (runners-up)  
\*As West Germany  
Chances: Romped through qualifying,



# EX-SAINTS AIMING

**THERE will likely be no interest in Euro 2012 when it comes to current Saints – but some of the club's former stars should be in action next summer.**

Anders Svensson, part of Gordon Strachan's 2003 FA Cup final team, played for Sweden in a 1-0 friendly defeat against England, at Wembley, on Tuesday night, and is likely to feature in Poland and Ukraine, writes **GORDON SIMPSON**.

The midfielder, who is now playing for Elfsborg in his homeland, has represented his country 123 times during his career.

At 35-years-old, next summer's finals are likely to represent Svensson's last major international tournament.

He could also be joined in Poland and Ukraine by ex-Saints striker Tomas Pekhart.

The 22-year-old has recently broken into the Czech Republic national team – something that may surprise a few St Mary's observers, after a fairly ineffective loan spell with the club in late 2008.

At the time, Pekhart was a Spurs player, but is now contracted to German side Nuremberg.

There should also be some Saints interest in Fabio Capello's England squad.

Academy product Theo Walcott looks to have re-established himself at international level again, having been surprisingly left out of the 2010 World Cup.

The former Saints winger, now with Arsenal, appears to be a near certainty to secure a place on the plane next summer.

However, there aren't many other St Mary's alumni in his position.

Peter Crouch, now of Stoke City, had been a regular in the England squads in recent years, but has not represented his country since November 2010.

Crouch was part of the Saints side that was relegated from the Premier League in 2005, but has since enjoyed reasonably successful spells at Liverpool and Spurs, before landing at the Britannia Stadium in the summer.

Bolton's Kevin Davies – another ex-Saints striker – made one substitute appearance for Capello's team in qualifying, but is unlikely to feature again.

Then there is Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain. The teenage winger left Saints in August to join Arsenal and, although he is yet to feature for the senior England team, Capello has already admitted the player is on his radar.

The likelihood is that next summer's championships will come too soon for him, though.

**INTERNATIONAL SWANSONG?**  
Anders Svensson.

scoring a whopping 34 goals in ten straight victories. Joachim Low's men look to have improved since being beaten by Spain in the last two major championships. They must be favourites among the sides looking to stop the Spaniards completing a hat-trick of triumphs.

### GREECE

Coach: Fernando Santos  
Star player: Sotiris Ninis  
Previous appearances: 1980 (first round), 2004 (winners), 2008 (first round)

Chances: If Greece managed to win Euro 2004, anything is possible. Like seven years ago, they go into next summer's tournament on an impressive run of form, with new boss Fernando Santos unbeaten in 17 matches until the friendly defeat to Romania. However, they have yet to play a big nation under Santos and it is hard to imagine them reaching the quarter-finals.

### HOLLAND

Coach: Bert van Marwijk  
Star player: Robin van Persie, left  
Previous appearances: 1976 (third place), 1980 (first round), 1988 (winners), 1992 (semi-finals), 1996 (quarter-finals), 2000 (semi-finals), 2004 (semi-finals), 2008 (quarter-finals)  
Chances: Looked set for the best qualifying record of any country until they lost their final Group E match in Sweden. Still finished as top scorers – albeit with 16 of their 37 goals coming against San Marino. A strong team ethic





# LIKELY TO FEATURE IN POLAND AND UKRAINE

## FOR EURO GLORY

**FIRST CHOICE ON THE RIGHT: Theo Walcott, left, pictured during England's recent friendly victory over Spain.**

**LONG SHOT: Alex Chamberlain, right.**

**CZECH-ING ONTO THE PLANE? Tomas Pekhart left.**

took them all the way to the World Cup final last year and few would bet against them repeating the trick in Poland and Ukraine.

**ITALY**  
Coach: Cesare Prandelli

Star player: Gianluigi Buffon, right

Previous appearances: 1968 (winners), 1980 (fourth place), 1988 (semi-finals), 1996 (first round), 2000 (runners-up), 2004 (first round), 2008 (quarter-finals)

Chances: Boasting the stingiest rearguard in qualifying with just two goals conceded, Italy's strength clearly continues to lie at the back, despite something of a changing of the guard since their disap-

pointing World Cup defence. They showed their potential by beating Spain recently and will be expecting to reach the semi-finals at least next summer.

### POLAND

Coach: Franciszek Smuda  
Star player: Jakub Blaszczykowski  
Previous appearances: 2008 (first round)  
Chances: They might have struggled to qualify were they not co-hosting the tournament but home advantage means Poland cannot be completely written off.

Their long build-up of friendlies has included a victory over Argentina and a draw with Germany but also defeats to Lithuania and Australia, which suggest they may not get out of their group.

### PORTUGAL

Coach: Paulo Bento  
Star player: Cristiano Ronaldo, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1984 (semi-finals), 1996 (quarter-finals), 2004 (runners-up), 2008 (quarter-finals)



Chances: Condemned to the play-offs after losing their final winner-takes-all qualifier in Denmark. Full of goals, as they proved by thrashing Bosnia-Herzegovina 6-2 to reach the finals, and have the best

player at the tournament in Ronaldo, on club form at any rate. But enough doubts remain defensively to make them unlikely champions.

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Coach: Giovanni Trapattoni  
Star player: Shay Given, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1988 (first round).  
Chances: After so many European Championship qualifying failures and the handball storm which cost them a place at the 2010 World Cup, Ireland finally have something to celebrate again. They took full advantage of a dream play-off draw against Estonia and, despite being fourth seeds, expect them to cause an upset or two in Poland and Ukraine.



### RUSSIA

Coach: Dick Advocaat  
Star player: Andrey Arshavin  
Previous appearances: 1960 (winners\*), 1964 (runners-up\*), 1968 (fourth place\*), 1972 (runners-up\*), 1988 (runners-up\*), 1992\* (first round), 1996 (first round), 2004 (first round), 2008 (semi-finals).  
\* As USSR or CIS.  
Chances: Took Euro 2008 by storm before being knocked out by eventual champions Spain, it is hard to see them repeating the trick after being pushed all the way by Ireland in qualifying Group B. A quarter-final berth would be a major success.

### SPAIN

Coach: Vicente Del Bosque  
Star man: Xavi, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1964 (winners), 1980 (first round), 1984 (runners-up), 1988 (first round), 1996 (quarter-finals), 2000 (quarter-finals), 2004 (first round), 2008 (winners).



Chances: Not invincible – as Argentina, Portugal, Italy and England have all demonstrated since the World Cup – but still probably the best team on the planet and favourites to make it a hat-trick of major championship wins. If they play

like they can, they may be almost impossible to stop.

### SWEDEN

Coach: Erik Hamren  
Star man: Zlatan Ibrahimovic, pictured  
Previous appearances: 1992 (semi-finals), 2000 (first round), 2004 (quarter-finals), 2008 (first round).

Chances: Sweden continue to punch above their weight at international level, ruining Holland's perfect qualifying record in their final Group E game to reach Poland and Ukraine as the best runners-up. Their 31 goals was the third-highest total of the campaign as they made amends for their failure to reach the World Cup. But a quarter-final next summer is the limit of their ambitions.



### UKRAINE

Coach: Oleg Blokhin  
Star man: Andriy Shevchenko  
Previous appearances: None.  
Chances: Had Ukraine been hosting this tournament six years ago, they might have been considered dark horses. But their travails in the build-up to next summer's tournament were summed up in April when they reappointed the man who took them to their only previous major championship, Oleg Blokhin, as manager. A quarter-final spot would be a major achievement.

## Player ratings



### STEWART DOWNING (9)

Only outfield player to feature in every game this year. Another who rarely attracts attention but impresses those who matter. Move to Liverpool has taken his game to another level. Euro 2012 rating .....7



### LEIGHTON BAINES (4)

Now established as first-choice back-up to Cole. Didn't stop him being axed for the World Cup. Won't happen again and brings added bonus of dead ball abilities. Euro 2012 rating .....7



### PHIL JAGIELKA (3)

Excellent against Spain and now giving Capello a headache for his central defensive selections. Ability on the ball is just what England are looking for, and can also play full-back. Euro 2012 rating .....7



### ANDY CARROLL (2, ONE GOAL)

Supposed to be the coming force 12 months ago but has not progressed as expected. Capello has vowed to keep looking but if Bobby Zamora is ahead of him, Carroll has a problem. Euro 2012 rating .....5



### JOLEON LESCOTT (2)

A bit like Dawson, Lescott has been in and out of Capello's squads without much explanation why. All he can do is take his chance and a superb performance against Spain was just the job. Euro 2012 rating .....7



### MATT JARVIS (1)

Handed his debut against Ghana and not seen since as form dipped. Hard to see him getting back in. Euro 2012 rating .....2



### JERMAIN DEFOE (1)

Will be bitterly disappointed at his lack of involvement and the emergence of Danny Welbeck in particular looks likely to inflict a fatal blow to his chances of making another finals. Euro 2012 rating .....4



### DANNY WELBECK (3)

Ghanaian media were furious at England snatching one they regard as their own. Is proving to be a useful back-up option for Capello though, even if he needs a goal or two. Euro 2012 rating .....7



### RIO FERDINAND (1)

Has never played at a European Championship and it looks increasingly likely he never will. Sir Alex Ferguson limits his Manchester United appearances, Capello uses it as an excuse not to select him. Euro 2012 rating .....5



### CHRIS SMALLING (2)

Outstanding in September but injured since. Has Smalling already been usurped? If he finds his form again will be part of an intriguing selection conundrum. Euro 2012 rating .....6



### ADAM JOHNSON (3)

Nearly gatecrashed the World Cup squad, now in danger of being shovelled out. Capable of inspired moments but Capello seems to prefer other options. Paying for lack of games at Manchester City. Euro 2012 rating .....6



### PHIL JONES (3)

Nineteen going on 31 judging by the start of his international career. Still to appear in his favoured central defensive role but done enough at right-back and midfield to book a finals berth. Euro 2012 rating .....8



### JACK RODWELL (2)

Emerged from the maelstrom of Everton's dodgy form to make a big impact for his country, even if he should have scored against Sweden. Needs to avoid injuries that have dogged him so often. Euro 2012 rating .....6



### KYLE WALKER (2)

Yet another youngster who has made the transition from club football to the international stage without taking a backward step. Competition for the slot he wants will be high though. Euro 2012 rating .....6



### BOBBY ZAMORA (1)

Capello wanted to have a look against Sweden because he feels Zamora may offer England something. Hard to see him making the final cut though unless injuries bite hard. Euro 2012 rating .....4



### SCOTT CARSON (1)

Finally got the chance to erase that Wembley nightmare against Croatia and now seems cemented as Joe Hart's deputy. Euro 2012 rating .....8



### DANIEL STURRIDGE (1)

Seemed to be trying too hard on his debut. Needs to impress just to get another chance and this may end up being a tournament too soon. Euro 2012 rating .....4



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# Non-league Football

## Rangers suffer Electric shock

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**BISTERNE** Rangers' unbeaten run ended when **DIVISION THREE** leaders Bournemouth Electric A tonked them 4-0 with goals from Steve Flynn, Matty Ings, Adrian Pavey and James Keith to go five points clear at the top.

Mark Taylor, Paul Langrish and Toby Sherriff were the Mudeford Men's Club Reserves marksmen in their 3-1 success against AFC Burton while Chris Biddle steered FC Athletico to a 1-0 win over Redlynch & Woodfalls United Reserves.

Bournemouth Manor opened up a seven-point lead at the top of the **PREMIER DIVISION** after Darren Spiers and Sam Doe gave them the edge 2-1 in an excellent game at Sway where the home side pulled one back through Dan Lane.

Nearest rivals Bournemouth Electric netted through Washington Gwenz and a Pete Howard penalty but they went down again when Portcastrian just got the better of them 3-2 with goals from River Smith (2) and Ben Virabi.

Meanwhile, Bosuns Chair maintained their unbeaten record when Simon Young and Scott Metcalf clinched a 2-0 success against Redlynch & Woodfalls United.

Mudeford Men's Club are five points clear in **DIVISION ONE** after Pete Old (2), Mitch East, Dave Saunders and Sam Kennedy ensured a 5-1 victory over Holt United, while FC Bournemouth overpowered Sturminster Marshall 5-0 thanks to a Wes Jones hat-trick and further goals from Luke McCoy and James Bates.

Westover Bournemouth Reserves hold top spot in **DIVISION TWO** after Terry Colbourne (2) and Simeon Grant accounted for Galleon 3-1.

Nearest rivals

Richmond Park Con shaded it 3-2 against Sway Reserves thanks to Mark Pudney (2) and a Paul Barber penalty, while New Milton Linnets move up to third place in the table after Tony Sealey (2), Will Ireland and Joel Fields put paid to Mploy 4-1.

Second-placed New Milton Eagles are just a point adrift of **DIVISION FOUR** leaders BU Staff after Dominic Taylor (2) and Shaun Miller gave them the edge 3-2 against Twyham Rangers Reserves.

Queens Park Athletic Reserves were also 3-2 winners against Fifa Standards thanks to Scott Matley, Ryan Shaylor and an own goal, while AFC Bransgore walloped Milford 7-2 courtesy of Alan Stride (2), Rich Hickling, Adam Parker and a Charlie Field hat-trick.

Richmond Park Con Reserves hold top spot in **DIVISION FIVE** on goal difference after Danny Snell and Chris Booth scored two each to subdue Shamrock 4-1.

Second-placed Allendale Reserves were 3-1 winners against Bournemouth Manor A thanks to Dave Webb (2) and James Cordial and Screw-It Carpentry remain just point adrift of the leading pair after Dean Hindle scored all three goals in a 3-0 victory over FC Bournemouth Reserves.

Portcastrian Reserves go top of **DIVISION SIX** on goal difference after hammering Ringwood Athletic 7-0 through Lee Gover (2), Richard Norton and Steve Pockneall's four goal blast.

Trevor Foreman fired in a second half hat-trick to give

Everton & Lymington Argyle a 3-1 victory over Bransgore United Reserves, while Dave Horgan and Mark Curtis earned AFC Burton Reserves a 2-2 draw with West Howe.

# GREAT ORMOND STREAK

### ■ HAYWARD SUNDAY

**JAKE Ormond led the way with a hat-trick when Queens Park Rovers gave PREMIER LEAGUE strugglers TX United an 8-1 drubbing with Adam Locke (2), Jolyan May, Robbie Harber and Alex Forward also on target.**

Jamie Burgess gave current league leaders Queens Park a first-half lead against Branksome Con but the reigning champions came back after the break with goals from Martin Warren and Sammy Thompson. Park forced a 2-2 draw though with an equaliser in the closing stages from Jamie Saunders.

West Moors SSC came from two down to get the better of Branksome Railway 4-3 thanks to Jason Lovell (2), Louis Lenthall and Charlie Elysee. Dan Manuel scored all three Railway goals.

Springers are two points adrift of 100 per cent **DIVISION ONE** pacesetters Shoulder of Mutton after their 4-2 success against Bournemouth Athletic courtesy of Liam Currell's hat-trick and a goal from Ben Harding.

Dave Weeden was the five-goal star of Bournemouth Electric's 8-2 hammering of Harry's Bar with Sam Adams, John Shaw and Steve Trapp adding one each, while Kavell were 5-0 winners against New Star United thanks to Nick Mitchell's hat-trick and further goals from Karl Sibbert and Paul Cavendish.

Lovitt were held to a 0-0 draw by Fernside Sports and Redhill leapfrog them into second place in **DIVISION TWO** on goal difference after their 5-1 triumph over Magdon Scaffolding with goals from Dean Hindle (2), Chris Samuels, Steve Bristow and Simon Brett.

Bottom-placed Vienna Windows were on the receiving end again when Lotus Press upended them 6-0 courtesy of Andy Boland, Joel Morris, Maciek Wos and a Mark Rourke hat-trick.

Queens Park Rovers Reserves have a commanding ten-point lead in **DIVISION THREE** after walloping AFC Burns Lettings 7-1 with goals from Mike Barber (2), Brett Chandler (2), Steve Miles, Liam Palmer and Lewis Mills.

AFC HADCA recorded their best result of the season to date when Luke Stone (2), Aaron Stacey (2) and Ben Bradbeer ensured a 5-0 victory over KC Transport.

Shoulder of Mutton Reserves are the new leaders of **DIVISION FOUR** after their 9-1 thrashing of Boscombe Albion through Terry Foote (2), Marc Scrimshaw, Darren Millar, Nick Doe and Luke Wadley's four-goal blast.

Meanwhile, Oakdale Con suffered their second defeat of the season when Drew Underwood,



**FALL GUY:** Kavell's Karl Sibbert takes a tumble against New Star in Division One action.



**MAIN MAN:** Kavell's Nick Mitchell is mobbed by teammates after scoring his side's third goal against New Star.

Ross Laurent, Ian Chorley and Lee Etherton gave Carling Sports the upper hand 4-2.

Rob Stephenson plundered four and there were hat-tricks from both Sean Thomas and Phil Teague when 100 per cent **DIVISION FIVE** pacesetters AFC Ringwood crushed tailenders Grove Tavern 16-0 with Sam Yeats (2), Craig Frost (2) and Darren Mein (2) also on target.

Talbot Pub's unbeaten record was ruined when second-placed Rockbourne tanned them 4-1 with goals from Nick Scott (2), Robin Tennant and Jason Thorne and Hollies move up to third place after Kryzsztof Hensler (2), Tom Pepper, Dave Mountford and Steve Glover

ensured a 5-3 win over Alderney Manor.

Simon Billingham struck for second-placed Kavell Reserves but Ace are just a point behind them in **DIVISION SIX** with three games in hand after upending them 3-1 with goals from Phil King, Dean Barter and Martyn MacKinley (pen).

William Mills and Stuart Hinks gave JS West Moors the edge 2-1 against A & T Athletic and DH Britannia were also 2-1 winners when Ross Tucker and Chris Elkins put paid to AFC Burton Reserves.

AS Muscliffe suffered a tenth successive **DIVISION SEVEN** loss when Ensburry Park Rangers blitzed them 9-1 through Carl

Fleet (2), Jamie Virabi, Lawrence Walters, Lewis Waters and Dan Brunsden's four-goal blast.

James & James move away from the danger zone after Neil Smith (2) and Alf Allkushi clinched a 3-1 win over fellow strugglers Intellihouse, while second-placed Vienna Windows Reserves overpowered Priory Quays Reserves 4-0 with goals from Johnny Smart (2), Luke Richard and Brett Stimson.

Dan Bailey bagged a hat-trick for Bournemouth Borough but the unbeaten **DIVISION EIGHT** leaders had to settle for a point when Matt Eves, Mike Hawes and Duncan Moody earned Mount a 3-3 draw.

Cranborne take over on top after larrupping ECP 7-1 with a Dan Adlem hat-trick and further goals from Liam Pettis, Chris Roberts, Chris Bush and an own goal, while Ferndown Forest poleaxed AFC Bransgore 3-0 with goals from Tim Cottis, Oliver Cottis and Chris Wingfield.

Kings Park Dynamos are level on points with **DIVISION NINE** front-runners Scott V after Paul Robinson, Alan Robinson, Sky Harris and Alex Jones gave them a 4-2 success against JP Morgan.

Boscombe Celtic Reserves complete the trio at the top on 18 points after they battered Throop United 7-2 thanks to a Danny Styles hat-trick and two apiece from Steve Beale and Joe Morrison.

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# Non-league Football

## Cup sides go on

### ■ CUPS

THE outstanding Hampshire Intermediate Cup ties proved more productive this week with both Comrades and Lyndhurst progressing.

Comrades beat Hamble Club Res 8-2 with eight different scorers. Lyndhurst also impressed with a 4-0 verdict over East Cowes Vics Res thanks to Brett Wheeler, Aaron Chapman, Rob Gill and Matt Gingell.

In the A Cup Wombles also went through 2-1 against ABC Utd, Anthony Whicher and Cameron Roach doing the business.

Six of eight Roy Wightman Junior League Cup ties took place with two minor upsets.

Junior 3 Riverside went through to the quarter-finals after a 3-1 defeat of Junior 1 Soton Energy with a brace from Dan Phillips.

Junior 4 AFC Gulf Western defeated Langley Manor of Junior 2 after extra time, Emmett Madden and an extra time own goal securing their passage.

A controversial goal in the first minute while Wellow were without their goalie proved crucial as Hamble Utd defeated them 4-3 with James Harley at the double.

A Lee Stevens strike proved the only goal as South City defeated Compton 1-0. Harefield thumped Stanton 6-0 with James Thompson scoring twice.

Park Sports went one better, inflicting a 7-2 defeat on Junior 6 favourites SG Sports, Luke Fowler with a hat-trick and Terry Axton at the double.

## Tough to go against Grains

### ■ JUN LEAGUES

AFC Grains leaped from third to top of Junior 1 after a 3-0 victory at Braishfield thanks to Alex Adams, Adie Mills and Jamie Blyth. Veracity Vipers inflicted a 5-0 defeat on prop squad Otterbourne A.

Q K Soton A moved five points clear in Junior 2, Ben Scarborough scoring all three in a 3-0 win. Danny Baynes also hit three as Inmar edged Questmap 5-4. Hedge End Rangers Res and Chamberlayne Ath shared the spoils one each.

Three second-half goals helped Chandler's Ford Rangers to a 5-2 win over Infinity Res as Jamie



Nash and Tom Milczarek hit a pair apiece.

Nick Skolsky scored twice as FC Wellington defeated Bricklayers 5-2 and Richie Watkins scored both as Forest Town Res won 2-0 at Gordons. Matt Burke also hit a pair as Compton Res moved eight points clear of Junior 3 on the back of a 4-0 scoreline against Cricketers Eastleigh.

Malteser Anthony Palmier scored twice as Capital held Warsash

Wasps 3-3.

Good Companions hit a six against the Cricketers of Fair Oak as Craig Edwards and Barry Anderson scored a pair apiece. Chandler's Ford and New Forest failed to find the net between them, however.

Mike Le Rosa grabbed a brace as Brigadier Gerard gained three much needed points at Priory's expense.

Upham Res gained their best ever result – an 11-1 verdict over London Air

Reserves as Stuart Crease grabbed a handful with Ollie Coles on a hat-trick.

Horton Heath also had a big win 7-1 against Hamble Utd Res, Jack Hazeldine leading the way with a treble. Freemantle turned over Riverside Res 4-0 and Athletic Romsey (Mark Walker) drew 1-1 with Botley Village A (Ryan Shipp).

Junior 6 leaders SG's lead was cut to a single point as New Forest Res

defeated Burridge Village 3-1. Ampthill are also on 18 points after a 5-1 win at Mechanics.

Coxford Jets hit Mich & Tims A for six without reply with Jacob Brazil netting half the tally. AFC Station matched the score-line against Braishfield Res with Mike Hogg and Rob Fox scoring a pair apiece.

Sporting Wessex took three valuable points from fellow strugglers AFC Soton with a 3-1 verdict.

**HEDGE END RANGERS (Going well in Junior 2):**  
Back row (left to right) Kelvin Kellaway, James Gill, Matt Cowley, Matt Hayes, Ben Wilson, Matt Hawkes, Alfie Stevens, Andrew Seabourne, Rich Allan (Player Manager) Front row (left to right) Johnny Ribbans, Jay Schwoodler, Stuart Reid, Sam Shrubsole, Sam Coleman, Matt Hopkins

### ■ TABLES

Senior Premier							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bush Hill	7	7	0	0	21	8	21
S'mpton Uni	6	5	0	1	22	7	15
Forest Town	7	4	1	2	23	10	13
Nursling	7	4	1	2	15	10	13
Lon Airways	6	3	0	3	12	14	9
Cutbush Ath	5	2	2	1	12	14	8
Comrades	5	2	0	3	8	12	6
BTC Soton	7	1	0	6	16	18	3
Hiltingbury	6	0	2	4	10	18	2
B'stokes WMC	6	0	0	6	2	15	0
Senior 1							
Netley CS Res	7	6	1	0	31	4	19
Thornhill H K	6	5	1	0	26	9	16
Hythe Aztecs	8	4	1	3	36	20	13
Wh Horse NM	8	4	1	3	31	16	13
Cadnam Utd	6	3	2	1	16	11	11
Lyndhurst	5	3	1	1	22	9	10
Comrades Res	9	3	1	5	24	30	10
Durley Res	8	3	1	4	21	35	10
Burridge AFC	5	1	3	1	15	14	6
Hedge End T	6	2	0	4	14	28	6
Mich&T Res	8	1	0	7	7	33	3
BTC Sot Res	6	0	0	6	6	37	0
Junior 1							
AFC Grains	6	4	2	0	19	7	14
East Boldre	7	4	1	2	19	14	13
Wombles	6	3	3	0	13	8	12
Park Sports	5	3	1	1	15	9	10
South City Utd	5	3	1	1	11	8	10
Compton	5	3	0	2	22	11	9
Veracity Vipers	6	3	0	3	20	13	9
Soton Energy	4	0	2	2	11	13	2
Braishfield	5	0	0	5	4	13	0
Otterbourne A	7	0	0	7	3	41	0
Junior 2							
QK S'mpton A	7	5	0	2	21	7	15
H&E Rang Res	3	2	1	1	8	7	7
Hamble United	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Langley Manor	3	2	0	1	11	3	6
Inmar	3	2	0	1	7	10	6
Solent Saints	4	1	2	1	8	10	5
Questmap	4	1	1	2	13	12	4
Chamberlayne	6	1	1	4	10	18	4
Wellow	4	0	0	4	5	20	0
Junior 3							
Compton Res	9	6	3	0	26	6	21
Warsh Wasps	7	3	4	0	20	14	13
Riverside	5	3	1	2	10	6	10
FC Wellington	6	3	1	2	19	11	10
Ch Fd Rang	6	3	1	2	20	17	10
Forest T Res	6	1	5	0	10	8	8
Capital	7	2	1	4	13	25	7
AFC Gordons	7	2	0	5	8	23	6
Cricketers East	6	1	1	4	8	12	4
Infinity Res	6	1	0	2	8	18	3
Bricklayers	6	1	0	5	7	19	3
Junior 4							
Harefield	8	5	1	2	26	8	17
West Totton	6	5	0	1	22	11	15
Chandlers Fd	6	3	2	1	17	10	11
Gulf Western	4	3	1	0	16	8	10
Botley Vill Res	6	3	1	2	19	18	10
Good Comps	7	2	2	3	14	15	8
New Forest	7	2	2	3	14	17	8
Brig Gerard	10	2	1	7	12	33	7
Priory Rovers	6	1	1	4	13	18	4
Crick F Oak	6	1	0	5	10	25	3
Junior 5							
Bitt Pk Hotel	7	6	1	0	30	8	19
Botley Vill A	9	6	1	2	36	19	19
Freemantle	8	4	2	2	23	17	14
Horton Heath	9	4	2	3	28	25	14
Upham Res	6	3	0	3	25	14	9
Hamble Utd R	8	2	3	3	13	24	9
Ath Romsey	10	2	2	6	15	37	8
Stanton FC	4	2	0	2	21	14	6
Lon Airways R	8	1	1	6	9	31	4
Riverside Res	5	0	2	3	5	16	2
Junior 6							
S G Sports	8	6	1	1	37	15	19
N Forest Res	7	6	0	1	40	13	18
Ampthill Ath	8	6	0	2	35	18	18
Coxford Jets	8	6	0	2	29	21	18
Braishfield Res	9	4	0	5	28	34	12
AFC Station	6	3	2	1	15	11	11
Burridge Vill	7	3	1	3	16	16	10
Spa Wessex	6	2	1	3	11	10	7
Mechanics	8	2	1	5	18	27	8
AFC Soton	9	1	0	8	8	14	9
Mich&T A	8	0	0	8	6	49	0
Veterans A							
Spa BTC A	6	5	0	1	23	7	15
Questmap Vet	5	5	0	0	21	5	15
Nursling Vets	6	5	0	1	23	9	15
Sholing A	7	4	1	2	20	5	13
G E Aviation B	6	3	1	2	14	9	10
QK S'mpton	7	2	0	5	12	18	6
Redlynch&W	7	2	0	5	11	28	6
O Tauntonians	7	2	0	5	7	31	6
Col Common	5	1	0	4	7	11	3
BTC Sot Vets	6	1	0	5	6	21	3
Veterans B							
Langley Man A	6	5	0	1	20	11	15
Locks Heath	6	4	1	1	18	6	13
RS Winchester	6	4	1	1	18	10	13
B Waltham Dy	8	3	3	2	28	18	12
Hythe Aztec	5	3	1	1	14	12	10
AFC Stoneham	7	3	1	3	18	10	10
Langley Tav A	5	2	0	3	13	8	9
H End Rang	6	2	1	3	16	20	7
Norhenth Utd	7	3	1	3	12	21	8
Compton Vets	7	0	4	3	10	20	4
Wildern O B	5	0	3	2	15	21	3
Albion Sports	8	0	0	7	9	25	1
Veterans C							
Spa BTC B	9	8	0	1	34	9	24
Baddesley Pk	8	5	1	2	20	15	16
GE Aviation B	6	5	0	1	19	7	15
Redbridge OB	7	5	0	2	24	20	15
Sholing B	7	4	2	1	17	4	14
Winchester OB	7	3	1	3	13	11	10
Royal Mail	8	3	1	4	15	17	10
Mich&T B	5	2	0	3	13	9	6
Langley Man B	6	1	1	4	13	28	3
Langley Tav B	6	1	0	5	10	27	2
Priory Rover	8	0	1	7	8	34	1



# Saints Spotlight

## MEON VALLEY

### Fletch is a big hit for Ville

WATERLOOVILLE Social Club Reserves' good form continued as they saw off AFC Portchester 4-2 in Division 4.

Paul Fletcher helped himself to a double, with goals from David Silvester and Michael Morgan cancelling out Curt Sanderson and Charlie Anderson strikes for Portchester, writes James Shipp.

Elsewhere in the fourth-tier, Purbrook lost 2-1 to Horndean XI.

Trailing by two at half-time, an early finish from Scott Redman got the Brook back into the game. Then a Liam Cobb effort was controversially ruled out for offside, after it had been initially given, meaning the hosts slumped to another defeat.

In Division 3, Travaux suffered their first league loss to the hands of Armoury. The leaders went down 3-1, despite Dean Inman's goal.

SDC continued their assault up the table with a 7-2 victory over Southwick Lions.

Pete Harris struck four, with Ollie Jones, Greg Parker and Matt Pople also finding the net, whilst Josh Hibberd scored twice for Lions.

Lotus XI picked up a 4-1 win against Milton Rovers Reserves in division two, with Alex Croaker scoring for Rovers.

Alresford Athletic went down 5-0 to Castle, whilst Dan Perry's single strike for Wickham Dynamos was enough to beat Crofton Saints 1-0.

In the Dave Blunt Trophy, Waterlooille Social Club thrashed AFC Cowplain 5-0, with Mark Wood 2, Jamie Proctor 2 and Dale Palmer on the score-sheet, whilst a double from Calum Gray and one goal from Dave McHugh saw Milton Rovers progress 3-1 against AFC Fareham.

# Avenue walk it - thanks to Stu

## AVENUE replaced City Central in the Premier Division's top three with Stuart Turner scoring a double hat-trick in a ten-goal thriller.

Turner scored all the goals as Avenue triumphed 6-4, having been 2-2 at half time.

Totton Town produced their biggest win of the season, with Liam Hanlon scoring twice in their 5-0 win against Bedes Lea 97.

And Knighton Arms raced into a 3-0 half-time lead against Brookhill Saints, with Simon Quirk, Bobby Lamb, Liam Crook and Pete Castle scoring the goals in a 4-1 victory.

Two first-half goals for Ross Hickman were enough to secure a 2-1 win for Senior Division leaders Bursledon Towers over Horns Inn, for whom George Haynes scored a consolation.

Sholing Celtic goalkeeper Michael Blake scored the decisive goal in their 4-3 win against Chamberlain Athletic. His deflected punt found the back of the net after Steve Wheatland had scored a couple.

KRL enjoyed their biggest win of the season, beating Eastbrook Harriers 5-0 with Matty Gray scoring twice.

There were two shock defeats at the top of Junior One. Linden Tree and Riverside Magic had 100 per cent records before last weekend, but both suffered 3-2 defeats.

Anchor Redbridge beat leaders Linden Tree 3-2 thanks to goals from Tom Howells, Greg Nolan and Chris Woods.

They led 2-0 at the interval before the leaders hit back in the second half with goals from Matthew Camfield and Dan Jackson.

It was a similar story for Riverside Magic, who trailed 1-0 at the break before losing by the same scoreline to Winston Hotel, for whom Mark Bruce scored twice and Dave Getzig once.

Second-half goals for Joe Hinchcliff and Luke

## CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

Pothecary were not enough to extend Riverside's unbeaten run so they remain second on goal difference.

FC Salt remain top of Junior Two thanks to second half goals from Iain Hocking and Ben McElevey in their 2-0 win against Ice House NH.

But the performance of the day in that division came from Sports Mania's Joe Allen, who bagged a hat-trick in a 5-3 win against FC Railway.

Athletico HC replaced Old House at Home in the top three thanks to a 4-2 win, with Richie Hampshire netting two of the goals.

The Junior Three top of the table clash between Sherfield English and AFC Bursledon finished 4-4 – a first draw of the season for both sides.

But LH Galaxy failed to close the gap, crashing to a 5-1 defeat against Bridge AFC, with Oliver Popham scoring a second half consolation.

At the foot of the table, Regents Park left AFC Marchwood further adrift with their first win of the season.

Jake Purdom scored twice after Jake Verrall and Jordan

Worth had given Regents Park a 2-0 half time lead. Matthew Whitehorn netted Marchwood's consolation.

Cherbourg won 3-1 against Eastbrook Harrier Reserves thanks to two second half goals from Danny Mead.

Junior Five leaders Sporting View continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 2-1 win against Sporting Compass thanks to a goal in each half from Craig Holloway.

Portswood United climbed into the top three with a 5-1 win against HSC Southern Stars, thanks to a hat-trick from Jon Prout.

But the performance of the day in their division came from AV Chivas, who were 2-1 down at half time before beating AFC Bishopstoke 3-2, their first win of the season, with hat-tick star Jon Andrews grabbing all the goals.

Marchwood duo Rob Dann and James Harris both hit hat-tricks in their 8-0 win against Botley Babes in Junior Six.

Test Valley Spartans remain bottom after losing 4-1 at Ampfield, for whom

## SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

### Leaders feel heat

AFC Allbrook kept the pressure on Division 1 leaders Lord Nelson thanks to first half goals from Liam Godfrey, Tony Maskell and Clive Radford in their 3-2 win against Foresters AFC.

Otter remain without a win at the foot of the table after Hamble's Ben Williams scored four of the goals in his side's 5-1 win.

CS FC are the new leaders of Division 2.

Dave Philpott and Martyn Randall scored their goals in a 2-0 win against Roll Call.

Trants FC were knocked off their perch after crashing to a 3-1 defeat against Landguard Rovers, having been level at half-time through Matt Austin.

AFC Portswood remain bottom,

despite two goals for Lewis Aylott, as West End scored four through Josh Evans-Hunt, Lee Rushford, Mike Thomas and Toby Withy.

AFC Toynbee kept the pressure on Division 3 leaders Roll Call reserves, with Steve Knight scoring four of their goals in an impressive 9-0 win against Holbury United.

And bottom-of-the-table C&G had hat-trick hero Dan Collinson to thanks for their first win of the season, 4-2 against Fair Oak Albion

Halfway United missed the chance to replace Coopervision at the top of Division 4 by losing 3-1 to Hoff Sports, for whom Martin Butt, Dale Davies and Graham Tucker scored.

They are now joined in the top three by Kingsgate, who beat King George 3-2.



LIAM HANLON: Goal double.



# Saints Spotlight

**HAT-TRICK:** Gary Klepp was on target for Chartwell Green in the Junior B Cup.



## Westwood fightback falls short

**WESTWOOD Old Boys' brave second-half performance against Fountaine was not enough to secure them a place in the third round of the Hampshire FA Intermediate Cup.**

Waren Attrill and Shane Collins gave them hope of completing what would have been a thrilling comeback but Fountaine, having led 3-0 at half-time, held on to a 3-2 victory.

Brookhill Saints Reserves are in the second round of the Hampshire FA Junior A Cup after a 3-1 win against Spartans thanks to goals from Robbie Eccles, Ashley Goodman and Aaron Chapman.

Chartwell Green beat Dunham Bush 6-2 in the Junior B Cup, with Gary Klepp bagging a hat-trick.

AFC Riverside were the other first round victors, with Michael Collins also bagging a hat-trick in a 6-0 thumping of Cove Manor.

Cove Manor Reserves, in contrast, were 6-0 up at half-time before finishing 14-2 winners against Unity in the Junior C Cup, while Burridge AFC also advanced thanks to a 2-0 win against Waterloo.

AFC Southampton overcame

### ■ CUPS

Royale Marine 5-0 with Darren Bundy and Kris Easton both bagging two goals apiece in the second round of the Charlie Godden Trophy.

Bishops Blaize needed extra time to beat Southampton Bhoys 6-3 thanks to hat-tricks from Dave Kemp and Marc Beston, after a thrilling 90 minutes had finished 3-3.

Sherfield English Reserves won 2-1 at Durdley, with the goals scored by Adam Codling and Luke McCormack.

And there were two goals apiece for Newtown Athletic trio Pawel Burdzy, Russell West and Greg Fairbairn as they triumphed 6-0 against Eastpoint.

Itchen Manor Reserves are also in the third round after thrashing Eastleigh Irish 9-1 with hat-trick hero Barry Rice leading the way.

Obelisk came from behind to beat RS Ocean Village. Having trailed 1-0 at the break, they finished as 3-2 winners thanks to goals from Brad Wyeth, Greg Moffitt and Mike Allen.

Woodmill won a 13-goal thriller against Hythe & Dibden with Steve Allen and Steve Garrett both bagging two goals apiece.

Jake Voller scored twice for the away side but it was not enough to prevent an 8-5 defeat.

### ■ TABLES

City of Southampton Sunday League										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Brookhill Saints	8	7	0	1	38	8	21			
Knighon Arms	5	5	0	0	32	1	15			
Avenue	6	3	1	2	20	14	10			
City Central	6	3	0	3	28	15	9			
Totton Town	7	3	0	4	15	26	9			
Bedes Lea 97	7	1	0	6	7	42	3			
Masters at Work	3	0	1	2	3	18	1			
Old Mill	4	0	0	4	5	24	0			
Senior Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Bursledon Towers	6	6	0	0	17	10	18			
Sholing Celtic	7	4	0	3	20	13	12			
Totton Cosmos	7	4	0	3	13	12	12			
KRL	7	3	1	3	17	12	10			
Horns Inn	6	2	2	2	9	7	8			
Chamberlayne Ath	5	2	1	2	12	12	7			
Westwood Old Boys	7	2	0	5	13	18	6			
Academy SC	2	1	0	1	6	5	3			
Eastbrook Harriers	7	1	0	6	7	25	3			
Junior 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Riverside Magic	7	6	0	1	33	9	18			
Linden Tree	6	5	0	1	30	10	15			
Winston Hotel	6	4	1	1	30	16	13			
Anchor Redbridge	6	3	2	1	11	12	11			
Castle Inn	8	2	1	5	18	25	7			
Echo	7	1	3	3	15	25	6			
Revolution	7	2	0	5	22	38	6			
Hedge End Club	6	1	1	4	12	21	4			
Botley	3	0	0	3	7	22	0			
Junior 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
FC Salt	8	7	0	1	28	13	21			
Athletico HC	8	5	0	3	35	19	15			
Brookhill Saints Res	5	5	0	0	22	10	15			
Old House at Home	7	4	1	2	23	17	13			
FC Railway	8	3	1	4	31	22	10			
Ice House NH	7	3	0	4	25	19	9			
Itchen Manor	7	3	0	4	25	19	9			
Sports Mania	6	3	0	3	21	22	9			
Carnival UK	7	1	0	6	8	37	3			
Woodman	7	0	0	7	10	50	0			
Junior 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Sherfield English	10	6	1	3	39	14	19			
AFC Bursledon	10	6	1	3	30	19	19			
Chartwell Green	6	5	1	0	24	8	16			
LH Galaxy	9	4	2	3	17	15	14			
Bridge AFC	5	4	1	0	28	12	13			
Cherbourg	6	4	1	1	20	17	13			
Eastbrook Harri Res	9	3	0	6	16	25	9			
Regents Park	9	1	2	6	14	33	5			
AFC Riverside	7	0	2	5	12	23	2			
AFC Marchwood	7	0	1	6	6	40	1			
Junior 4										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Newtown Athletic	5	5	0	0	26	4	15			
Southampton Bhoys	6	5	0	1	18	6	15			
Bishops Blaize	5	4	1	0	31	4	13			
Woodmill	8	5	1	2	26	13	13			
Eastpoint	6	3	0	3	9	13	9			
Chamberlayne Res	7	2	2	3	10	21	8			
Royale Marine	5	1	2	2	10	11	5			
Itchen Manor Res	5	0	1	4	7	16	4			
Obelisk	6	1	0	5	8	38	3			
Burridge AFC	7	0	1	6	6	27	1			
Junior 5										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Sporting View	7	6	1	0	28	7	19			
Sherfield English Res	5	5	1	3	43	30	16			
Portsmouth United	8	5	1	2	28	17	16			
Sporting Compass	7	5	0	2	20	18	15			
Durdley	8	2	4	2	19	18	10			
HSC Southern Stars	7	2	1	4	16	25	7			
AFC Bishopstoke	6	2	0	4	23	17	6			
AV Chivas	8	1	3	4	14	23	6			
Eastleigh Irish	8	0	1	7	16	52	1			
Junior 6										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
AFC Southampton	6	6	0	0	32	14	18			
Hythe & Dibden Sun	8	6	0	2	29	22	18			
Marchwood	7	3	1	3	26	25	10			
RS Ocean Village	4	3	0	1	20	11	9			
Amfield	6	3	0	3	22	20	9			
Botley Babes	9	2	1	6	28	44	7			
Sporting Comp Res	7	2	0	5	19	24	6			
Unity	6	2	0	4	16	21	6			
Test Valley Spartans	7	2	0	5	14	25	6			

## Saints crush leaders to top the Winchester and District League

**SOUTHAMPTON** Saints U11s regained top spot in the Winchester District Girls' Football League after demolishing St Francis Rovers who were League leaders before the game.

A performance of top quality approach play and finishing saw Saints romp to a 10-2 win with goals from Bex Quinn 3, Eleanor Elsey 3, Faith Wood 2, Molly Lowe and Millie Barnes.

### ■ SAINTS WOMEN AND GIRLS FOOTBALL

St Francis Rovers	4	1	2	0	13
Winchester Flyers	3	1	1	1	13
Crookham Rovers	1	4	1	-5	7
Crofton Saints	1	3	2	3	6
Widbrook Ladies	1	2	3	-15	5
AFC Porchester	1	0	4	-9	3
Warsash Blacks	0	3	3	-19	3

● The Southampton Saints Ladies first team went out on penalties in the FA Women's Challenge Cup third round qualifier at Uxbridge against Denham United.

Saints were favourites on paper as they play in the higher South West Combination League and Denham

are a London & South East Regional Women's League team but the game ended 1-1 after extra time and Saints missed a penalty at 4-4 in the shootout.

● Portsmouth Uni were no match for Southampton Saints U15/16 in the W&DGFL League Cup.

Saints followed up their home leg 12-0 win with an 8-0 success at Portsmouth with goals by Axton (3), Bekah

Tonks, Leanne Falla, Allana Falconer (2) and an own goal.

● The U14 nine-a-side Saturday team won 1-0 at home against last season's Dorset League champions Boscombe Albion in their first match in the newly-formed New Forest League.

After a first half stalemate Saints continued on top with captain Tiffany Eley bossing midfield but the Boscombe keeper was in superb form.

Ellie Pearce finally broke the deadlock with a 25-yard half volley.

● The Under-12s followed up a 12-0 win over Worthies with a 6-0 win against Bishop's Waltham U12s in the Winchester and District Girls Football League.

Alicia Buckingham, Lucia Shiner, Emily Herding and the in-form Georgia Rose Mears, with a hat-trick, were the scorers.

● Saints G & LFC U10s won their league match 2-0 at Whiteley through Lisa Gilham's great long shot and a fine effort from Jennifer King.

**Table:**

	W	D	L	GD	Pt
S'mpton Saints	5	0	0	32	15



# Youth Football

## Hants make headway in cup

TWO headed goals in the closing ten minutes enabled Hampshire Colleges to overturn a 2-1 deficit and beat their Surrey counterparts 3-2 in the ESFA County Under-18 Cup yesterday.

The victory has earned Hampshire a third-round home tie against Kent next month – and an opportunity of avenging last season's 2-0 defeat in Maidstone.

Managers Steve Perkins and Graham Mills lost an incredible ten of their original squad selection – through injuries, work commitments and a variety of other excuses – and travelled to the lush London School of Economics ground with only 13 players.

But they made a dream start, with Alex Dale looping a left-wing cross on to the head of Jack Odam to give Hampshire a second-minute lead.

By half-time Surrey had established a 2-1 lead through Jake Higgs and a bullet header from Harry Cobb – an advantage they held for well over an hour.

But Hampshire came strong in the second half and created a string of chances – Luke Roberts and Alex Dale twice being denied by fine saves by Jim Hacker, in the Surrey goal.

Hampshire's pressure eventually paid off, with Ellis White heading a far post equaliser from Scott Chester's corner.

Hampshire looked dangerous when they got the ball in wide areas and, six minutes from time, grabbed the winner with substitute Brad Griffiths climbing to head home after Dale had done well to



**HAMPSHIRE HEROES:** Jack Odam, Ellis White and Brad Griffiths scored the Hampshire goals.

get to the left byline.

Hampshire deserved their win on their second-half showing – the result being particularly sweet for Steve Perkins and Graham Mills, who had burned the mid-night oil patching their squad together.

**Hampshire:** Matt Fredericks (Totter), Adam Tomasso (Itchen), Ryan Inskip (Sparsholt), Scott Chester (Barton Peveril), Ellis White (Taunton's), Perry Compton (Peter Symonds), Luke Roberts (Taunton's), Harry Cooper (Brockenhurst), Jack Odam (Barton Peveril), Matt Gray (Itchen), Alex Dale (Peter Symonds). **Subs:** Joe Chamberlain (Itchen), Brad Griffiths (Itchen).

● A place in the sixth round of the ESFA

# ITCHEN



**HIGH RISER:** Action from Sparsholt's 2-2 draw with Brockenhurst (yellow). Order no: 13479420



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# Youth Football

## BEATEN!

### Symonds inflict first defeat on champs in almost four years

**ITCHEN'S** remarkable unbeaten Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League record has finally been ended by Peter Symonds.

The Winchester-based college, who have enjoyed more success than most against the defending champions in recent seasons, edged an exciting encounter 3-1 at the King George Ground, and in so doing, ended Itchen's unbeaten league run that stretched back almost four years to February 2008, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

In that period the Bitterne college has dominated Hampshire sixth form soccer, winning the 1st XI league title three years in a row and achieving a clean sweep of first, second and third team league championships in each of the past two years.

Itchen began brightly, but in spite of dominating the early play, failed to break down a well-organised Symonds defence.

It was PSC who took the lead ten minutes before half-time on 35 minutes with a well taken goal against the run of play – Matt Holbrook setting up a goal-scoring opportunity for little Mason Brown.

Symonds noticeably gained in confidence from Brown's goal and doubled their lead on the hour – a long ball by Holbrook bizarrely bouncing over Ross Casey's head on the edge of the box and gifting Felix Laing with the second.

Itchen responded by changing their shape, pushing Callum Oliver into a three-man attack and when the Totton & Eling teenager thumped home a header with 15 minutes left to play, it seemed that Itchen might still preserve their unbeaten run.

But Symonds were defending in numbers and playing effective counter-attacking football, and sealed their win with an excellent third goal by Ollie Dobson, who rounded two defenders before beating Casey.

"Symonds deserved their win. They worked hard and took their chances, but we were poor on the day and too many players had off-days," reflected Itchen boss Steve Perkins.

"We missed the likes of Adam Tomasso, Owain Hoskins and Ben Wilson (who were all



**SYMONDS' SIZZLERS:** Felix Laing, Ollie Dobson and Mason Brown scored the goals which sent Itchen crashing to defeat.

### Poole out to be Brighton rockers

**POOLE** High face a trip to Steyning Grammar School, near Brighton, in the fifth round of the English Schools FA Under-18 Trophy.

They edged out Christchurch-based Twynham 2-1 this week, to add to previous wins against Thomas Hardy (4-1) and Queen Elizabeth, Wimborne (4-0).

unavailable or injured) and we had nine first year students playing.

"They will improve significantly both individually and collectively as the year progresses, but it's still very much work in progress with a new team that's full of potential."

It was the third season on the trot Peter Symonds' had thwarted Itchen – the teams having battled out a 4-4 draw in the clawing Middle Road mud last year.

Itchen's defeat means that Alton have hit the heady heights of league leaders, probably for the first time ever.

The 3-0 win over South Downs was the fourth in a row and their sixth in seven matches, with Itchen (6-1) the only side to beat them so far.

By his own high standards, Will Phillips had a lean start to the campaign, but the teenage Hartley Wintney cricketer bagged a brace and Connor Fielder the other goal against

South Downs.

Taunton's are still in the thick of things at the top – Leon Course notching a hat-trick in the 4-1 win at Queen Mary's, where Alex Sawyer was also on target.

The Sparsholt-Brockenhurst clash ended with honours even in a 2-2 draw.

Sparsholt defender Ryan Inskip deflected Adam Stride's shot past his own goalkeeper to give Brock the lead, but Toyé Adejuyigbe drilled a shot off the upright past Kieran Burgess to put the Salisbury academy hopefuls level by half-time.

Sparsholt took a second-half lead, but Brad Asprin earned a point for Brock 15 minutes from the end.

It's been a long time coming, but Barton Peveril are off the mark at last, courtesy of a 5-3 win over Portsmouth at Chestnut Avenue.

Hat-trick hero Jack Odam led the way for BP, who fell behind to an early Portsmouth strike before Barton's hitman scored twice to give his side a 2-1 interval lead.

Portsmouth equalised, but Odam's hat-trick goal, after strikes by Chukuma Dibigbo and Tom Ashton, got BP their first win of the campaign.

Bournemouth had the potential of causing an upset when they held a 1-0 half-time lead, but Farnborough hit back with second-half goals from Alec Wilson and Ryan George to secure a 2-1 win.

**Wednesday's fixtures:** Alton v Barton Peveril, Brockenhurst v Basingstoke, Farnborough v Peter Symonds, Itchen v South Downs, Poole v Sparsholt, Portsmouth v Totton.

### ■ CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## City slickers down Town

SALISBURY City had one of the best results of the day in under-18 Hampshire Cup third-round action, winning 5-1 at Petersfield Town.

Sky Blues also did well with a 4-2 win at Tadley Calleva and QK (Southampton) just had the better of fellow CSYFL side Alresford Town, going through by 4-3, **writes ALAN JOHNS.**

Sway, who are enjoying a good season, went out in spectacular fashion though.

They gifted Moneyfields two goals inside the first few minutes but as the half progressed Sway began to gain a foothold in the game. Sam Nailor and Robbie Smart worked hard up front to deny Moneyfields defenders time on the ball and when Sway did re-claim the ball higher up the field, Sam Howard and David Steadman were able to threaten down their respective flanks.

James Goodwin released Howard down the left and his clipped cross was met by Goodwin who volleyed just wide. Steadman then jinked his way into the penalty area and drew a smart save from the Moneyfields keeper.

At the other end, Laurie Symons saved what looked like a certain third goal with an outstretched boot and followed up with a block on the line from the resulting corner. Not to be denied though, Moneyfields struck again before half-time when a speculative angled cross dropped kindly to the waiting striker who had the simplest of tasks to volley home unopposed.

After the break, Sway quickly conceded a soft fourth goal when a low corner was allowed to bobble across goal to be headed in from close range.

There followed a period in which Sway were at their most tenacious but failed to disturb their well organised Hampshire League opponents. A long clearance released Moneyfields for a well taken fifth before Howard's well directed through ball found Nailor with space to run in but he was quickly closed down by brave goal-keeping.

Sway's man-of-the match Luke Gurton then switched to centre back and the fresh legs of Dan Eynon, Tom Homan and Tom Murray were introduced to the fray. As Sway pressed for a consolation goal they were caught twice more on the break with two stunning finishes from 20 yards out.

An accidental back-pass adjacent to Sway's penalty spot saw a spot-kick awarded by the referee but in keeping with the sporting nature of the contest, Moneyfields deliberately put the ball out of play instead of going for goal.

Sway were left to reflect upon what might have been achieved on another day without giving their opponents a clear head start.

Two neighbouring sides from the north of the county were matched at opposite ends of the M3 against City of Southampton Youth League sides.

Fleet Town Colts entertained Michelmersh & Timsbury Athletic and beat them 4-2, while Crookham Rovers travelled south to play Burridge but it was the home side who appeared to be travel-weary and half asleep. This lethargy saw them punished after only five minutes and Crookham then seized the opportunity to pounce again while they had Burridge under pressure to make it 2-0 on ten minutes.

Burridge kept fighting and had good spells after the initial onslaught and managed to keep the score at 2-0 up to half-time.

In the second half, Burridge came out strongly and tried to pull the match around, but it was not to be and they struggled to play their usual style of football.

Crookham were playing a great passing game and, with Burridge struggling to contain them, found the net again on 50 minutes to make it 3-0.

Crookham sealed their victory on 85 minutes with a fourth goal.

Hedge End Rangers Blue won 5-0 in their Division 1 fixture against Baddesley Park and Crofton Saints won 4-2 at New Forest United.

In the only Division 3 match, St Francis Rangers maintained their unbeaten start to the season and their position at the top of the league with an 8-3 win against Michelmersh & Timsbury Youth FC.

Lewis Scorey set up victory with a hat-trick inside the first 20 minutes of the contest.

In the same division, Wyvern won 3-1 at BTC (Soton).

## Efficient Services

OF THE under-16 Hampshire Cup third round victories, there was none more emphatic than that of Portsmouth's United Services who beat Botley Village 13-1.

There were a couple of 5-0 results, Sholing Whites at Andover New Street, and Eastleigh at Sholing Red.

AFC Stoneham won 5-1 at Wyvern, Totton & Eling won 4-0 against Oakfield but Cherbourg went out by the same score at Farnborough. AFC Totton progressed, 3-1 at Winchester City Whites but there was no cup luck for St Francis Rovers, 1-0 losers at home to Alton United, or for Salisbury City who lost 3-1 at Royals Elite.

Winchester City Red are in the hat after their single-goal victory over Headley but BTC (Southampton)

Spartans lost 3-2 at Burton Youth.

No Division 1 fixtures were played, so S&D's 9-2 away win at Bitterne in Division 2 is the eye-catching result, with Colden Common Colts' 4-1 win at BTC (Southampton) Athletic close behind. Common's Rangers side didn't share their luck on the day and went down 4-0 at Warsash Wasps.

In Division 3, Romsey Town won 5-2 at Blackfield & Langley and S&D had an impressive 9-2 win at Bitterne.

The other game saw New Forest trounce Townhill Lingland Panthers 5-0.

Townhill played some good football and were unlucky not to score, but were sunk by goals from Jordon Grant (2) and Brad Raynsford, George Hiley-Jones and Jack Hawkins.



## Chapel is packed for Pete farewell

UPWARDS of 250 former teaching colleagues, past pupils and students taught and coached by Hampshire and Taunton's College legend Peter Munro squeezed into Southampton Crematorium this week.

They gave a rousing farewell to Mr Munro, pictured, who has died, aged 68.

The East Chapel was predictably packed to the rafters for a 90-minute service beautifully conducted by The Rev Richard Palmer, MA.

Peter had been involved with the local education community in Southampton and, since taking up an appointment as an English teacher at the then Richard Taunton's Grammar School in 1966, had made an outstanding contribution to teaching and football in the city.

Lifelong friends John Ball and David Young recited superbly crafted tributes, recalling their university days, careers and summer holidays in the south of

France, where Pete owned a chalet.



Soccer teammate and former Taunton's Sixth Form student Chris Wheeler

talked about Mr Munro's playing and managerial days in local football,

focussing on his legendary team talks.

And Taunton's History Head Andrew Thompson followed up with a fourth and equally outstanding tribute to a Munro "unique figure" alongside whom he had taught for so many years.

As his long-time soccer companion Hedley Woodridge observed in a moving tribute in last week's *Daily Echo Pink*: "Munro gave so much to so many people, thousands and thousands of hours given freely for the benefit of others."

The celebration of Pete Munro's life on Thursday was a fitting, spot-on tribute to a legend of local education and football. A very likeable and hugely respected man.

As one of his long-time friends said afterwards:

"Pete sat there in the corner and probably loved every minute of it."

Peter Munro was a special guy and to be present at his 'farewell' would have been an absolutely privilege for the many who attended.

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## Nostalgia schools football special ...



1964/65: Back: Badminton (Portsmouth Northern), Francis (Sandown), Lewis (Brockenhurst), Cotton (Bournemouth), Godden (Brockenhurst). Middle: Mr Roberts, Izzard (Prices, Fareham), Pallister (Brockenhurst), Rogers (Bournemouth), White (Tauntons), Brett (Farnborough), Mr Barfoot. Front: Holt (Bournemouth), Grist (Carisbrooke), Thomson (Bournemouth), Carver (Salesian, Farnborough), Shilabeer (Tauntons).



1965/66: Names unknown



1966/67: Names unknown



1967/68: Names unknown



1968/69: Back: Poole (Tauntons), Dodds (Farnborough), Adams (St Mary's), Sweetnam (Portsmouth SGC), Hopgood (Portsmouth Tech College), Collins (Itchen), Marsh (Bournemouth), King (Itchen). Front: McLaughlin (Itchen), Wilson (Tauntons), Taylor (Tauntons), Glover (Portsmouth NGS), Hagger (Tauntons), Trim (Bournemouth), Child (Tauntons).



1969/70: Back: Poole (Tauntons), Drayton, Couplan, Chimes, Sweetnam (Portsmouth SGC), Collins (Itchen), Dunn, Swift. Front: Lawrence, Phillips, Williams, Surman, Adams, McLaughlin, Gerrard, Whitcher.



1970/71: Back: Mr Gerry Carver, A Loo (Prices, Fareham), Phillips, Poole (Tauntons), Chimes (Salesian), Roadnight (Eggars, Alton), Morgan, Dunn, Wooler (Eggars), Mr Pete Munro. Front: Groves, Marsh (Bournemouth), Judd, Collins, Brown (Portsmouth Northern), Williams, Beaton



1971/72: Back: Mr Pete Munro, Waught (Itchen), Azor (Itchen), Roadnight (Eggars), Matthews (Salesian), Poole (Tauntons), Carter (Portsmouth Tech College HS), Mr G Carver, Mr Pete Nash. Front: name not known, Kazi (Farnborough), Lovell (Tauntons), Brewer (Barton Peveril), Selway (Portsmouth Northern), Brown (Portsmouth Northern), Kent (Portsmouth Northern), Else (Farnborough).



# Nostalgia schools football special ...



**1972/73:** Back Mr Bob Beale, Neave (Portsmouth Tech), Albury (St Johns, Portsmouth), J Clarke (Carisbrooke), Paddy Heffernan (Eggers), Dunn (Portsmouth Southern), Terry Azor (Itchen), Weakley (Itchen), K Clarke (Bournemouth), Pete Munro. Front: Beaton, Kazi (Farnborough), Wright (Sandown), Brown (Portsmouth Northern), Lovell (Tauntons), Hall (Peter Symonds), Blastland (Eggers), Brooks (Bournemouth).



**1973/74:** Back: Bob Beal, Blastland (Eggers), Bottoms (Peter Symonds), Hendricks (Itchen), Graham Rowe (Barton Peveril), Irving (Queen Mary's Basingstoke), Paddy Heffernan (Eggers), O'Hara (Sandown), King (Brockenhurst), Pete Munro. Front: Kevin Albury, Chris Gebbie (Barton Peveril), Clive Green (Purbrook), Devereux (Bournemouth), Goddard (Tauntons), Kazi (Farnborough), Wright (Sandown).



**1974/75:** Back Bob Beale, Wikeley (Eggers), Clunie (Tauntons), Hendricks (Itchen), Whitehead (Tauntons), Trappit (Purbrook), Winchester (Purbrook), Heffernan (Eggers), Coleman (Carisbrooke), Pete Munro. Front: Onoufriou (Tauntons), Richards (St Mary's), Harding (Brockenhurst), Seehan (Itchen), Gebbie (Barton Peveril), Hart (Portsmouth Southern), Green (Purbrook), Westmore (Carisbrooke).



**1975/76:** Back Bob Beale, Traynor (Itchen), Hallet (Totton), Jennings (Wakefords), Trappitt (Purbrook), Thakire (Havant), Soul (Tauntons), Pete Munro. Front: Murphy (Wakefords), Richards (St Mary's), Gribbon (Salesian), Green (Purbrook), Richard Hill (Farnborough), Clunie (Tauntons), Thompson (St Mary's), Westmore (Carisbrooke).



**1976/77:** Back B Killick (Wakefords), G Whelan (St Mary's), M Riches (Peter Symonds), R Brown (Cricklade Andover), C Jennings (Wakefords), M Rawlings (Eggers Alton), J Alderton (Mayfield Portsmouth), M Bymes (Peter Symonds). Middle: Paul Thompson, Paul Nugent, Kelvin Finch (Purbrook), Nicky Traynor (Itchen), J Bambridge (Salesian), Steve Baverstock (QM Basingstoke), Richard Hill (Farnborough), Kevin Loosemore (Tauntons), Paul Sexton (Totton), Danny Nash (Itchen), Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge, Bob Beale. Front: J Price (Wakefords), C Complin (St Mary's), Neil Baynham (Prices), B Falconer (Totton), Ollie Forster (Barton Peveril), M Keaton, A Callum (Itchen), Simon Fry (Tauntons), Pete Murphy (Wakefords), Clive Bridgeman (Cricklade), Dominic Freeman (St Mary's), Andy Johnson (Mayfield), Missing from photo: Terry Samways (Barton Peveril).



**1977/78:** Back Andy Sinden, N Gibson, Einer Fischer, R Cockeram, Chris Renny, A Forrester, C Draper, C Evans, N Baynha. Second row: Paul Thompson, Pat Ranger, Danny Nash, Graham Batey, Simon Fry, Rory O'Brien, Dominic Biggs, Mark Rawlings. Third row: Bob Beale, Nigel Spackman, Nicky Searles, Kevin O'Connell, Mark Stanley, T Graves, Steve Moran, Lance Bowie, Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge. Front: Andy Callum, Phil Warne, Colin Angoy, Tim Martin, Steve Baverstock, Jimmy Pringle, Mark Keaton.



**1978/79:** Back: Nigel Spackman, Neil Sprunt, Nick Sellick, Graham Moss, Mark Dixon, David Steele, Ian Jeal, Chris Webb. Second row: Hedley Wooldridge, Mark Loose, C Moss, David Cook, Mark Botterill, D Marsh, Mark Stanley, Barry Weavil, Mark Sandford. Third row: Norris Onoufriou, Danny Nash, Steve Moran, Simon Fry, Chris Wheeler, Dave Lappage, Steve Eades, Andy Beal, Jimmy Pringle, Pete Munro, Pete Buck. Front: T Graves, D Greenwood, Mark England, Rory O'Brien, Colin Angoy, Colin Watts, Phil Warne, Trevor Davies.



**1979/80:** Back Trevor Davies, John Turpitt, Mark Falla, John Wells, David Steele, Gary Moss. Second row: Hedley Wooldridge, Barry Weavil, Robbie Allen, J Walsh, Andy Beal, Mark Botterill, M Weston, Pete Dixon. Third row: Andrews, Pete Munro, Ian Williamson, Gibril Kamara, T Stubbs, N Booth, G Andrews, Kevin White, Dave Benfield, Lennie Dellimore, Pete Buck. Front: Steve Patch, Tracey Rumsey, Simon Ashworth, Mark Dixon, John Morgan, D Faulkner, John Whittaker, Nick Mould.



# Nostalgia schools football special ...



**1980/81:** Back: Pete Dixon, Toby Manns, Kevin Brackstone, John Wakeman, Robert Jones, Sal Vernon, Mark Curran, Alan Tydeman, P Heaney, Gibril Kamara, Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge. Middle: John Regan, Hedley Winter, P Kavanagh, D Bayles, Shane Leather, Mark Clements, Mark Botterill, Kevin Green, P Cooper, David Addy, David Hockin. Front: Andy Norman, Sandy Palmer, Pete Smith, Ian Squires, Dave Benfield, Dean Faulkner, Alistair Marshall.



**1981/82:** Back: Ken Bellemly, Hedley Wooldridge, Pete Munro, Pete Dixon. Second row: Gordon Phillips, Paul Cunningham, Phil Bell, Richard Stafford, Richard LeBroq, Mark Niven, Andy Scullard, Aiden Mills. Third row: Ian Spreadborough, Gavin Browning, Hedley Winter, Andy Stinton, Paul Wareham, Richard Marles, Louis Morris, Steve Bellemly. Front: Shaun Docking, Paul Marlow, Adrian Norman, Nick Clitheroe, Kevin Green, Matt Smith, Paul Warren, John Regan.



**1982/83:** Back: Pete Munro, Pete Nash, Derek Anderson, Pete Dixon, Hedley Wooldridge. Second row: Adrian Norman, Paul Wareham, Ian Spreadborough, Adrian Turner, Shaun Munday, Adam Holden, Gary Payne, Luke Bingham. Third row: Matt Smith, Sean Leggett, Clive Campbell, Mark Seward, Elliott Hayward, Ian Chivers, Rowan Smith, Jimmy Harris, Tony Hamilton. Front: Steve Ansell, Shaun Maskell, Shaun Docking, Ian Albery, Andy Stinton, Toby Ridgeway, Martin Pullen, Jacob Sale.



**1983/84:** Back: Pete Dixon, Ian Winter, Domenyk Newman, Gary Payne, Paul Vincent, Paddy Bingham, Derek Anderson, John Winter. Second row: Pete Munro, M Wood, Richard Hambly, Colin Hayes, Elliot Hayward, John Napier, Martin Nicholson, Hedley Wooldridge. Third row: Rob Lee, Gareth Mullins, F Brown, Clive Campbell, Mark Davis, Jacob Sale, Rob Rata, Paul Doswell. Front: Nigel Taylor, Rowan Smith, Gareth Williams, Shaun Docking, Paul McCarthy, Matt Smith, Barry Snow, Tony Hamilton.



**1984/85:** Back: John Winter, Jimmy Webb, Derek Anderson, Nigel Taylor, Chris Hayes, S Jones, Keith Wood, David Knight, Hedley Wooldridge, Pete Munro. Middle: Rob Petruv, Scott Benton, Rob Hall, J Tossell, Simon Bonser, David Coles, David Keeping, Chris Lawes, Darren Foreman, Ian Wood. Front: S Dudley, Chris Burke, Alan Potter, Simon Gowans, Steve Mifsud, Barry Snow, P Bracken, Paddy Bingham.



**1985/86:** Back: Hedley Wooldridge, John Winter, Paul Scullard, Chris Simmons, Paul Browning, Nigel Barnes, Nick Turner, Mark George, Mark Hodder, Keith Wood. Middle: Pete Dixon, Darren Foreman, M Pancaldi, Micky Blackman, Steve Wells, John Gray, Paul Marks, Stuart Loughton, David Worthy, S Hassell, Pete Munro. Front: S Emery, Matt McGlashan, David Cooke, John Guppy, Simon Gowans, Mark Porter, Steve Carey, Phil Audrain, Chris Burke.



**1986/87:** Back: Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge, Derek Anderson, John Winter, Pete Dixon. Second row: Justin Towilson, Simon Anderson, M Gray, Huw Edwards, Jason Metzler, Neil Cunningham, D Yates, D Norman, M Reid, Selwyn Gayle. Third row: Simon Weston, Mark Ward, Trevor Targett, Mark Porter, Luke Underhill, Darren Henderson, Nick Marsh, Steve Wright, Mark Hooton. Front: Mark Dack, D Plane, Chris Kelly, Chris Hill, Dean Fosbury, Paul Scullard, Darren Barrett, Gary Stray.



**1987/88:** Back: Hedley Wooldridge, Pete Munro, Pete Dixon, John Winter. Second row: Nick Marsh, Luke Underhill, Steve Wright, Chris Hill, P Wheddon, Dominic Biggs, Paul Hackwell, Mark Brown. Third row: Mark Hooton, Paul Atkins, Mark Ward, R Stuart, Steve Berglin, Darren Henderson, D Kennedy, Mike Fisher, Mark Henderson, Simon Weston. Front: Ian Williamson, Jason Thomas, Mark Dack, Justin Towilson, John Gray, Bryan Dimmick, Darren Barrett, R Dutton.

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**1988/89:** Back: Pete Dixon, Pete Munro, John Winter, Hedley Woolldridge. Second row: Mark Henderson, Bobby Davies, A Lean, S Reynolds, Richard Ricketts, Richard McNeley, J Hampton. Third row: M Rowan, Steve White, Adam Wheeler, Andy Kimble, Jeremy Curd, David Knighton, Jason Thomas, Matty Lavers, Rob Manning. Front: L Russell, R Stewart, C Stacey, Andy McKell, Darren Barnard, I McGrath, S Tew, Bryan Dimmick.



**1990/91:** Back: Paul Tyndall (Farnborough), Dan Cotton (Winchester), Mark Tryon (Fareham), Scott Collings (Itchen), Gareth Billington (Alton), Ben Prosser (Cricklade), Robin Harbut (Tauntons), Steve McGonigal (Tauntons), Simon Hawley (Carisbrooke), Pete Dixon. Middle: Pete Munro, John Winter, Damien Dean (Tauntons), Mark Berry (Barton Peveril), Mark Hogan (St Edmunds), Andy Hagith (QM Basingstoke), Darren Collins (Tauntons), Richard Elliott (Selesian), Ryan Towns (Itchen), Adam Moylett (Tauntons), Dean Fryer (Tauntons), Andrew Price (Barton Peveril), Danny Stewart (Tauntons), Kevin O'Neill (All Hallows), Hedley Woolldridge. Front: Simon Butterfield (Tauntons), Mark Charles (Tauntons), Andy Forbes (King Edwards), Stuart Fisher (St Mary's), Tommy Peglar (Totton), Michael Cripps (Fareham), Steve White (Totton), Sasha Nicholas (Totton).



**1992/93:** Back: Ben Shiers (Tauntons), Andy Rose (Tauntons), Jody Chilton (Alton), David Banks (Tauntons), Andy Smith (Fareham), Geoff Walker (Farnborough), James Taylor (Brockenhurst), Graham Longdin (Barton Peveril). Middle: Anton Allera (Farnborough), J Hargreaves (Farnborough), Andy Whitehead (Tauntons), Lee Lake (Tauntons), John Underwood (Farnborough), Steve Allen (Totton), Ian Quirk (Barton Peveril), Mike Channon (Peter Symonds), Chris Waugh (Barton Peveril), Gavin Downton (Brockenhurst), Richard Pitts (Barton Peveril). Front: Tom Powers (Alton), Toby Bax (Alton), Tony Brierley (Peter Symonds), Simon Butterfield (Tauntons), John White (Tauntons), Damien Dean (Tauntons), Terry Fazackerley (St Vincents), Steve Hunt (Tauntons), Andy Brock (Brockenhurst). Sitting: Ian Hurdle (Alton), Norman Steel (Tauntons).



**1994/95:** Back: Derek Lee (Havant), Danny Husbands (Itchen), Darren Phillips (Farnborough), Colin Gardener (Brockenhurst), Martin Gray (Tauntons), Neil Pearce (Brockenhurst), Ashley Perry (Basingstoke College). Middle: Hedley Woolldridge, John Winter, Glenn Lickman (Barton Peveril), Chris Steadman (Farnborough), Daniel Homer (Itchen), Lee West (Farnborough), Stuart Roberts (Barton Peveril), Matt Barber (Havant), Marc Cole (Barton Peveril), Tim Boenicke (Barton Peveril), Kevin Betsy (All Hallows), Damien Laville (Basingstoke College), Lee Edwards (Havant), Shaun Docking, Pete Munro. Front: Tommy McCormick (QM Basingstoke), Robbie Cooke (Brockenhurst), Tim Kirk (Fareham), Ian Ford (Fareham), Marcus Headington (Farnborough Tech), Richard Cort (Brockenhurst), Mark Orsmond (Barton Peveril), Neil Ward (Barton Peveril), Keith Smart (Barton Peveril), Richard McCormack (Barton Peveril), Simon Witcher (Tauntons).



**1989/90:** Back: Elliott Costick (Tauntons), Tommy Peglar (Totton), Karl Pardoe (Brockenhurst), Matt Highfield (Peter Symonds), Matt Travers (Barton Peveril), M Payne (Tauntons), Matty Lavers (Barton Peveril), Andy Kimble (Barton Peveril), David Mackie (Itchen), S Hawley (Carisbrooke). Middle: Dave McNaught, Pete Munro, Adam Gange (Tauntons), Richard McNeley (Barton Peveril), Jason Gosney (Itchen), Adam Wheeler (Alton), Cain Sedgewick (Eastleigh), S Reynolds (Fareham), Andy Betteridge (Soton Tech), Jeremy Curd (Farnborough), K Buckland (Alton), N Bendall (Portsmouth), Pete Dixon, Hedley Woolldridge. Front: Mark Charles (Tauntons), M Henderson (Cricklade), David Wisemasn (King Edwards), Bobby Davies (Tauntons), M King (Farnborough), Steve McGonigal (Tauntons), Andy Forbes (King Edwards), Steve White (Totton), John Winter.



**1991/92:** Back: James Taylor (Brockenhurst), Mike Channon (Peter Symonds), Jon Richardson (Barton Peveril), Andy Smith (Fareham), David Wiseman (Tauntons), Geoff Walker (Farnborough), Dominic Targett (Barton Peveril), Robin Harbut (Tauntons), Kevin O'Neill (All Hallows). Middle: John Winter, Toby Bax (Alton), Pete Munro, Matt Harris (Alton), Martin Wrixon (Cricklade), Graham Longdin (Barton Peveril), Dan Pitts (Barton Peveril), Steve Coleman (St Edmunds), Chris Waugh (Barton Peveril), John White (Tauntons), Alan Nelson (Farnborough), Damien Dean (Tauntons), David Lowe (Basingstoke College), Danny Hunt (South Downs), Pete Dixon, Hedley Woolldridge. Front: John Underwood (Farnborough), Karl Pardoe (Brockenhurst), Tony Brierley (Peter Symonds), Simon Butterfield (Tauntons), Andy Whitehead (Tauntons), Stuart Hensman (Fareham), Lee Topley (Tauntons), Mark Tryon (Fareham).



**1993/94:** Back: Adam Houghton (Barton Peveril), Richard Cort (Brockenhurst), Frazer Bain (Cricklade), Craig Anstey (Alton), David Price (Barton Peveril), Brad Whitman (Tauntons), Steve Harris (Totton), Paul Griffiths (Tauntons), Glenn Lickman (Barton Peveril), Steve Hollick (Brockenhurst), Jet Singh (Tauntons), Nathan Remyard (Totton), Marc Johnson (South Downs), Mark Carter (Tauntons), Martin Cornwall (Itchen), Steve Osborne (Tauntons). Front: Richard Pitts (Barton Peveril), Dale Leggett (Barton Peveril), James Grantham (South Downs), Andrew Wake (Brockenhurst), Marcus Headington (Farnborough Tech), Marcel Cullers (Totton), John Hargreaves (Farnborough), Phil Anderson (Eastleigh), Sean Reed (Farnborough), Tommy McCormick (Basingstoke Tech), Terry Fazackerley (St Vincents), Mark Orsmond (Barton Peveril).



**1995/96:** Back: Pete Munro, Tim Squires (King Edwards), Jamie Morrison (St Edmunds), Michael White (Itchen), Stuart Curtis (Barton Peveril), Danny Waite (Peter Symonds), Lee Webber (Itchen), Ryan Bartlett (Barton Peveril), Shaun O'Rourke (Barton Peveril), Ross Turner (King Edwards), Neil Carstairs (Barton Peveril), Jamie Platt (Barton Peveril), Deryck Lee (Havant), Tom Button. Front: Michael Harris (Redbridge), Sean Thurgood (Oaklands), Ian Jones (Alton), Darron Leach (Itchen), Nick Hughes (King Edwards), Chris Steadman (Farnborough), Louis Langdown (Barton Peveril), Neil Ward (Barton Peveril), Matt Davies (Itchen), Kevin Betsy (Farnborough College), Wade Elliott (Barton Peveril). Missing: Pete Dixon, Hedley Woolldridge.



# Schools football nostalgia special ...



1996/97: No names



1997/98: Back: Russell Scorey (Barton Peveril), Nick Hopkins (Peter Symonds), Paul Lawrence (Barton Peveril), Steve Hall (Itchen), Alex Austin (Farnborough), Mark Preston (St Vincents), Ben McMahon (Farnborough), Neil Morant (Totton), Graham Young (Totton), Tom Nicolle (Farnborough). Middle: Hedley Wooldridge, Jody Long (Sandown), Paul Sims (Brockenhurst), Justin Cousins (St Vincents), Ross Elliott (Brockenhurst), Andy Hunt (Farnborough), James Harris (Barton Peveril), Rob Morant (Totton), Tom Earles (Itchen), Jake Wilson (Tauntons), Pete Dixon, Pete Munro. Front: Paul Atkinson (Barton Peveril), Neil Wood (Sandown), Ashley Rowe (Peter Symonds), Nick Turpin (Cricklade), Sean Thurgood (Oaklands), Louis Langdown (Barton Peveril), Stuart Spilsbury (Sandown), Wayne Smith (Tauntons), Kevin Love (Itchen), Paul Hopkins (Portsmouth).



1998/99: Back: S Cooper (Brockenhurst), J Mulhearn (Barton Peveril), L Michell (Barton Peveril), W Smith (Tauntons), J Wilson (Tauntons), K Hall (Tauntons), A Payne (Fareham). Middle: Pete Dixon, D Moors (Brockenhurst), A Pearson (Peter Symonds), D Winterbourne (St Mary's), S O'Rourke (Tauntons), D Du-Heaume (Cricklade), A Colverson (Brockenhurst), O Rastall (Peter Symonds), M Collins (Tauntons), P Lawrence (Barton Peveril), Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge. Front: C Hall (Barton Peveril), M Woods (Peter Symonds), G Keough (Oaklands), C Vince (Cricklade), J White (Carisbrooke), B Coates (Portsmouth), P Atkinson (Barton Peveril), J Stanners (Tauntons), R Finch (Brockenhurst).



1999/2000: Back: Tom Mellors (Barton Peveril), Louis Moody (Totton), John Mulhearn (Barton Peveril), Mark Osman (Totton), David Hazelgrove (Fareham), Phil Pike (Basingstoke Coll), Lloyd Mitchell (Barton Peveril), Craig Rickman (Barton Peveril), Chris Marwood (Totton). Middle: John White (Brockenhurst), Chris Iddies (Cricklade), Chris Rose (Basingstoke Coll), Stuart Cooper (Brockenhurst), Scott O'Rourke (Tauntons), Andy Colverson (Brockenhurst), David Hodges (Medina), Steve Jenkin (Totton), Sam Percival (Brockenhurst), Tom Givens (Medina), Pete Williams (Peter Symonds). Front: Hedley Wooldridge, Dean Bowden (Cricklade), Dan Tchapuan (Barton Peveril), Gareth Keeping (Brockenhurst), Steve Leigh-Bryant (Brockenhurst), Peter Lines (Itchen), Jamie Sampson (Totton), Chris Knight (Peter Symonds), Omar Khobzi (Tauntons), Pete Munro.



2000/2001: Back: Hedley Wooldridge, Pete Munro, Graham Mills (Barton Peveril), Kevin Thick (Totton), Simon Daunter (Peter Symonds), Matt Alford (Tauntons), Tom Mellors (Barton Peveril), Simon Arthur (Itchen), Scott O'Rourke (Tauntons), Arron Hedges (Barton Peveril), John Farley (Barton Peveril), Luke Byles (Barton Peveril), Peter Lines (Itchen), Dan Robins (Brockenhurst), Dan Marchant (Barton Peveril), Alex Perry (Carisbrooke). Middle: Tom Scovell (Coves), Kevin Brewster (Tauntons), Chris Knight (Peter Symonds), Adam Puckett (Itchen), Nick Cole (Barton Peveril), James Rolph (St Mary's), Andy Philip (Itchen), Simon Whitcher (Barton Peveril). Front: Marc Davis (Tauntons), Keenan Phillips (Tauntons), Robin Cook (Itchen), Scott Mills (Fareham), Martin Fielder (Barton Peveril), Dan Jones (Fareham), Adam Rogers (Barton Peveril), John White (Brockenhurst), Aaron Wheeler (Carisbrooke), Pete Dixon.



2001/2002: Back: Simon Stone (Fareham), Will Mukoro (Portsmouth), Liam Cockerill (Itchen), Dan Marchant (Barton Peveril), Dan Boere (Itchen), Aaron Wheeler (Carisbrooke), Andy Philip (Itchen), Rob Hall (Farnborough), Adam Haig (Fareham), Wone Adejumo (QM Basingstoke). Middle: Pete Dixon, Gary Easlick (Portsmouth), Sayem Kobir (Eastleigh), Steve Marwood (Totton), Graham Mills (Barton Peveril), Simon Arthur (Itchen), Arron Hedges (Barton Peveril), John Greenfield (Fareham), Jason Stock (Tauntons), Robin Cook (Itchen), Steve Boston (St Vincents), John Baldwin (Farnborough), Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge. Front: Kevin Thick (Totton), Michael White (Fareham), Matt Bennett (Barton Peveril), Ian Proctor (Itchen), Marc Davies (Tauntons), Keenan Phillips (Tauntons), James Flanagan (Queen Marys), Kevin O'Shea (Tauntons), Dane Butler (Queen Marys), John Wilson (Fareham).



2002/03: Back: Matt Couch (Tauntons), Paul Crabtree (Barton Peveril), Paul Walshe (Tauntons), Ali Badcock (Havant), Chris Ford (Queen Marys), Tom Pemberton (Queen Marys), Marcus Coatsworth (Queen Marys), Tom Bottomley (Itchen), Matt Watts (Itchen). Middle: Pete Dixon, John Batten (Fareham), Rob Bunce (Queen Marys), Louis Doughty (Totton), James Bosbury (Fareham), Peter Bradley (Coves), Sean Mogg (Coves), Sam Wooldridge (Crestwood), Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge. Front: Luke Conchie (Barton Peveril), James Malyon (Brockenhurst), Nick Kemp (Barton Peveril), Tim Dew (Peter Symonds), Gareth Batchelor (Tauntons), Lee Thorne (Tauntons), John Wilson (Fareham), Luke Paddon (St Vincents), Tom Scovell (Coves).



2003/04: Back: Matt Watts (Itchen), Tom Bottomley (Itchen), Lee Skittlethorpe (Fareham), Matt Journeux (Barton Peveril), Elliott Bassett (Tauntons), Ben Stimpson (Tauntons), Lawrence Wall (Fareham). Middle: Pete Munro, Pete Dixon, Ed Whitehouse (Tauntons), Andy Clark (Tauntons), Henry Howes (Itchen), Cole Stacey (Peter Symonds), Jim Trevaskis (Sandown), Andy Puckett (Itchen), Rob Crook (South Downs), Ali Badcock (Havant), Hedley Wooldridge. Front: Liam Edgar (Totton), Adam George (Tauntons), Mark Liley (Tauntons), John Lancashire (Alton), Craig Vigar (Tauntons), Nathan Kil (Sandown), Tim Dew (Peter Symonds), Matt Evans (Sandown), James Shannon (South Downs), Tommy Woodward (South Downs), Scott Hamilton (Fareham).

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# Schools football nostalgia special ...



**NATIONAL SCHOOLS CUP FINALISTS:** The Hampshire sides, above and below. The 1984 team, below, won the trophy while the class of 1997, above, shared the silverware after a final draw.



**IF THE CAP FITS (above) ...** Steve Moran, above left, and Cliff Angoy show off their England schoolboys caps back in 1978.



**IF THE CAP FITS 2 (right) ...** Saints star Franny Benali presents Brockenhurst College's Richard Cort with his England Schoolboys cap back in the mid 1990s.



**IF THE CAP FITS 3 (far right) ...** Wade Elliott, now at Birmingham, with friend Louis Langdown, the current Cherries sports scientist, in 1997.



**1985/86: Hampshire Colleges Under-19 A.** Back (from left) David Keeping, John Guppy, Scott Benton, Nigel Barnes, David Cooke, Stuart Laughton, Paul Marks. Front: Micky Blackman, Matt McGlashan, John Gray, Chris Burke, Darren Foreman, Matthew Porter.



**Under-19 B.** Back (from left): Paul Browning, Mark Hodder, Chris Simmonds, David Worthy, Mark George, Phil Audrain. Front: Dean Fosbury, Nigel Chambers, Steve Wells, Matt McAuliffe, John Warren, Richard Brennan.

## Sports Quiz

- Who will coach Yorkshire in the County Championship next season?
- From which club did Arsenal sign Carl Jenkinson?
- Who won this year's MotoGP title?
- What nationality is world top-50 golfer Alvaro Quiros?
- Who are the reigning NBA champions?
- Who were the beaten finalists in the 2011 Heineken Cup final?
- Which city has an NFL team nicknamed the Rams?
- Who did Rafael Nadal, right, beat in the final of the 2011 French Open?
- Who knocked the Republic of Ireland out on their last major finals appearance at the World Cup in 2002?
- Which South American country's top flight contains teams called Arsenal and All Boys?
- How many times have England won rugby league's Four Nations tournament?
- For which MLS club does Robbie Keane play?
- Who was this week named 2011 WTA Player of the Year?
- Where was this week's Presidents Cup played?
- What number does Carlos Tevez wear for Manchester City?
- England winger Tom Briscoe plays rugby league for which club?
- Who is the British men's volleyball coach?
- How old is British gymnast Louis Smith?
- Who is the captain of the Australian Twenty20 side?
- Gary Waddock is the manager of which Football League club?
- From which club did Manchester City sign Holland midfielder Nigel de Jong?
- At which tournament did Tiger Woods, below, play against former caddie Steve Williams and Adam Scott this week?
- Phil Jaques has signed to play for which county cricket side next season?
- In which year did Nigel Pearson leave Leicester to end his previous spell in charge?
- Michael Vick is the quarterback of which NFL team?
- Kraig Brathwaite plays international cricket for which country?
- In which year did the Republic of Ireland last qualify for the European Championship?
- Name the American sprinter who successfully challenged the International Olympic Committee's Article 45 which banned drugs cheats from competing at the next Olympics following their suspension?
- Who will be Carl Froch's opponent in a super-middleweight unification fight in Atlantic City next month?
- Who did Guus Hiddink succeed as Chelsea manager when he took charge in early 2009?



## ANSWERS

Answers: 1 Jason Gillespie; 2 Chatton; 3 Felipe Scolarin; 4 Lashawn Merritt; 29 Andre Ward; 30 Luiz Eagles; 26 West Indies; 27 1988; 28 Yorkshire; 24 2010; 25 The Philadelphia Phillies; 22 The Presidents Cup; 23 Cameron White; 21 Wimbledon; 19 Hull; 17 Harry Brook; 18 22; 16 Kvitova; 14 Royal Melbourne; 15 32; 16 Roger Federer; 9 Spain; 10 Argentina; 11 Marverick; 6 Northampton; 7 St Louis; 8 Casey Stoner; 4 Spanish; 5 Dallas Mavericks; 1 Jason Gillespie; 2 Chatton; 3

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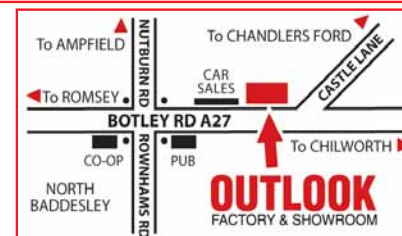
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# Youth Football

## ■ SOUTHAMPTON TYRO LEAGUE STANDINGS

(not including this weekend's games)

Under 15 - Division 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Pace Panthers	6	6	0	0	46	3	18			
Compton	7	6	0	1	26	8	18			
Eastleigh Juniors	5	5	0	0	25	0	15			
Baddesley Park	7	3	0	4	12	13	9			
Pace	7	2	2	3	13	21	8			
Bitterne	8	2	1	5	12	37	7			
Bashley	6	0	2	4	7	32	2			
Littleton Juniors	8	0	1	7	8	35	1			

Division 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
St Francis Rangers	9	9	0	0	48	13	27			
Hythe & Dibden Rangers	7	4	1	2	28	16	13			
B Waltham Dynamos	9	3	2	4	26	25	11			
Sky Blues	6	3	0	3	15	14	9			
Wyvern Dragons	8	3	0	5	21	25	9			
Brendon	7	3	0	4	16	24	9			
St Denys	6	2	0	4	15	21	6			
Colden Common	8	1	1	6	13	44	4			

Division 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Testwood United	7	6	0	1	29	13	18			
Warsash Wasps	7	4	3	0	30	17	15			
City Central	7	4	1	2	19	19	13			
Botley Village	5	4	0	1	22	10	12			
AFC Hiltbury	8	4	0	4	26	16	12			
Totton Rangers	10	3	2	5	18	26	11			
Romsey Town Panthers	6	3	1	2	24	14	10			
Netley Royals	6	3	0	3	22	21	9			
Alresford Town	7	0	2	5	13	28	2			
Pace Pumas	9	0	1	8	11	50	1			

Division 4										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
St Francis Knights	8	8	0	0	41	10	24			
Wyvern Saints	10	7	1	2	39	18	22			
Hythe Strikers	9	7	1	1	29	16	22			
Astro Blues	10	5	2	3	29	26	17			
Pirelli Pirates	11	4	1	6	40	39	13			
Romsey Town Cougars	9	4	1	4	28	33	13			
Oakwood	9	4	0	5	20	26	12			
Sarisbury Sparks	9	3	0	6	30	38	9			
Granley Stoneham	9	1	0	8	15	45	3			
Hedge End Rangers	10	0	2	8	19	39	2			

Under-14 - Division 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oakwood Terriers	8	5	1	2	27	13	16			
Pace Panthers	6	5	0	1	20	7	15			
AFC Wolves	6	4	1	1	21	7	13			
Winchester	7	4	0	3	34	24	12			
Sholing	5	3	0	2	20	9	9			
Warsash Warriors	5	2	0	3	7	12	6			
Hythe & Dibden Rangers	8	1	0	7	10	38	3			
Eastleigh Juniors White	5	0	0	5	7	36	0			

Division 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Baddesley Park	5	4	1	0	13	6	13			
Littleton Juniors	7	4	0	3	19	25	12			
Oakwood Raiders	5	3	1	1	17	12	10			
Bitterne	5	3	0	2	20	5	9			
Sarisbury Sparks	6	3	0	3	17	13	9			
Wyvern	5	2	1	2	13	11	7			
C Common Rangers	5	1	1	3	10	13	4			
Sportstars	6	0	0	6	7	31	0			

Division 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Eastleigh Juniors Blue	5	5	0	0	13	8	15			
Warsash Wasps	7	2	4	1	16	11	10			
Wellow	6	2	4	0	14	10	10			
Colden Common Rvrs	6	2	1	3	16	14	7			
H End Rangers White	7	1	3	3	9	15	6			
Pace Cougars	6	0	5	1	14	20	5			
AFC Hiltbury	5	1	1	3	14	15	4			
H End Rangers Blue	6	0	4	2	13	16	4			

Division 4										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Hythe Strikers	6	5	1	0	20	5	16			
Totton Rangers	10	5	1	4	26	21	16			
Romsey Town	8	5	0	3	34	15	15			
Southside AFC	8	4	3	1	24	10	15			
BTC Southampton	7	4	0	3	15	17	12			
Bashley	6	3	2	1	25	8	11			
Weston Sports	9	2	1	6	29	37	7			
City Central	7	1	1	5	5	30	4			
AFC Redbridge	7	0	1	6	8	43	1			

Division 5										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Bitterne Reds	9	8	0	1	43	9	24			
Winsor United Sports	8	6	1	1	25	15	19			
Sky Blues	9	6	0	3	41	17	18			
Pace Pumas	9	5	2	2	58	19	17			
Kingsway Colts	9	3	3	3	35	24	12			
Fawley Falcons	9	3	1	5	28	36	10			
Itchen Bulldogs	8	1	2	5	13	36	5			
Alresford Town	6	1	1	4	15	27	4			
Hamble United	9	0	0	9	6	81	0			

Under-13 - Division 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Salisbury City	7	7	0	0	37	4	21			
Pace Pumas	7	4	1	2	10	9	13			
Eastleigh Juniors	7	4	0	3	15	11	12			
H End Rangers Blue	5	3	0	2	14	11	9			
Winchester Black	5	2	1	2	14	11	7			
C Common Rangers	5	2	0	3	13	17	6			
St Francis Rangers	6	0	1	5	9	21	1			
Sportstars	6	0	1	5	9	37	1			

Division 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
BTC Solton Nimrods	6	5	0	1	33	16	15			
Romsey Town Cougars	6	4	0	2	16	17	12			
Totton Rangers	8	3	1	4	20	28	10			
Warsash Wasps	5	3	0	2	16	16	9			
AFC Hiltbury Hawks	5	2	1	2	18	16	7			
Bashley	6	2	1	3	16	16	7			
Alresford Town	4	1	2	1	16	11	5			
City Central	8	1	1	6	16	31	4			

Division 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
H End Rangers White	4	1	0	3	18	22	9			
Littleton Juniors	6	2	2	2	18	11	8			
Pirelli Pirates	6	2	2	2	16	11	8			
Pace Panthers	5	2	2	1	9	7	8			
Testwood United	5	2	0	3	11	13	6			

## Eastleigh & District Mini League under-ten Green division picture special



● ABOVE: Testwood Dragoons celebrate a goal.

Order no: 13461511

● LEFT: A Testwood Dragoons player celebrates netting against Southbrook United.

Order no: 13461557

● RIGHT: Action from Southbrook United (blue) v Testwood Dragoons.

Order no: 13461534

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● HEDGE END COUGARS Order no:13461457

● Winsor United celebrate a goal against Hedge End Cougars.

Order no: 13461475



● WINSOR UNITED

Order no: 13461466

● SOUTHBROOK UNITED

Order no: 13461452

● TESTWOOD DRAGOONS

Order no: 13461486

Winchester Blue	5	1	1	3	6	16	4
Townhill Lingland	3	1	0	2	12	10	3

Division 4							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

Sarisbury Sparks Amber	7	6	0	1	24	15	18
Southside AFC	8	5	0	3	35	21	15
Botley Village Bears	6	4	1	1	31	6	13
Granley Stoneham	7	4	0	3	26	23	12
Brendon	5	3	1	1	24	8	10
St Denys	5	2	1	2	15	14	7
Sarisbury Sparks Black	6	1	2	3	15	19	5
Michelmersh & Timsbury	7	1	1	5	25	27	4
Hythe Strikers Spitfires	7	0	0	7	6	68	0

Division 5							
Oakwood Tigers	8	7	0	1	40	25	21
QK Southampton	5	4	0	1	31	7	12
AFC Redbridge	5	3	0	2	30	13	9
Pace Cougars	3	3	0	0	20	4	9
S&D	7	2	1	4	11	34	7
Netley Royals	5	2	0	3	13	16	6
H End Rangers Red	8	1	2	5	19	36	5
AFC Hiltbury Hornets	8	1	2	5	20	42	5
Winsor United Sports	5	1	1				



# Youth rugby spotlight ... youth rugby spotlight ...



● Action from Winchester U16 v Bracknell, above, left and below.

## WINCH COME ON STRONG

### WINCHESTER'S Under-16s hit back strongly after falling behind to an early penalty at Bracknell.

They did so to such an extent that they ended up comfortable winners 41-3 – all but 12 of the points coming in the second period.

Two tries, by Marchant and Bennett and one conversion (Marchant) put Winchester into the lead.

Into the second half and Chaplin-Rogers, Phelps, Newbold and Marchant added tries (and two conversions) before Newbold completed the scoring with his second try in the 65th minute.

Fly half Marchant had another good day but Newbold, having missed out the previous week, also got a brace to maintain his position as leading try scorer this season.

● Winchester Under-13's soared to a 57-5 victory at Farnborough in the first round of the under 13s Hampshire Cup.

Six tries in the first half saw a commanding lead of 38-0 at the interval.

Ollie Dunger scored four tries with Chris Bottomley, Kyle Monkcom and Sam Mills also getting over the line.

● Two tries in the first few minutes saw Romsey quickly off the mark in their Hampshire League game against Aldershot & Farnborough Colts.

Try scorers Ally Wood and George Eldridge comfortably got the hosts into their stride and got the score board ticking over.

It was to be kept fairly busy throughout with Romsey ending 58-3 winners.



● Action from Romsey Colts v Aldershot & Farnborough Colts.

Wood picked up his second try after Captain Jonny Harper skilfully passed out of a tackle to send the No 8 over the line.

Ben Skinner's conversion added two points before further tries from Harry Austin and Matt Johnson gave Romsey a 27-3 half-time lead.

Tries kept coming with the home side linking some good phases and running some attractive lines through a struggling defence.

A hat-trick for Wood, and tries from Jack Finch, Mac Campbell and Henry Ashton pushed the scoreboard to an acceptable level.



WINCHESTER RFC UNDER-13s.

## Did You Know?

**MARTIN JOHNSON** oversaw 38 Tests after taking hands-on charge of England for the 2008 autumn internationals and he finished with a record of won 21, lost 16, drawn one.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the highs and lows of his three years at the helm which ended when he resigned this week.

### HIGHS

#### THE FIRST BIG SCALP

England made a stuttering start to life under Johnson. Their only victories from his first seven Tests were against the Pacific Islanders and Italy. England had received ten yellow cards in the four matches before meeting France at Twickenham – but answered their critics with a dashing first-half performance, racing into a 29-0 half-time lead before wrapping up a 34-10 victory.

#### BACK-TO-BACK WINS AGAINST AUSTRALIA

England regrouped after defeat in Perth to beat the Wallabies 21-20 in Sydney and share the 2010 summer series 1-1.

Johnson's men then turned on the style to win 35-18 at Twickenham the following autumn in a match to be forever remembered by Chris Ashton's length-of-the-field try.



JOHNSON

#### SIX NATIONS CHAMPIONS 2011

England won their first Six Nations title since Johnson had captained the team to their 2003 Grand Slam. There was no clean sweep this time following a last-round defeat to Ireland but England lifted the title after stringing together four consecutive wins for the first time under Johnson.

### LOWS

#### RECORD HOME DEFEAT

On the fifth anniversary of England's 2003 World Cup triumph, Johnson's third game as manager ended in a record home defeat. South Africa stormed to a five-try 42-6 victory, despite spending 20 minutes down to 14 men. "We were taught a brutal lesson," Johnson said afterwards.

#### BORE DRAW

After dismal performances against Argentina in the autumn and Italy in Rome, the tryless 15-15 draw against Scotland in the 2010 Six Nations finally forced England into a radical rethink. Out went Steve Borthwick and Jonny Wilkinson. In came Ben Foden, Chris Ashton and Ben Youngs.

#### THE WORLD CUP

England's quarter-final exit equalled their worst World Cup performance. Not only poor on the field, Johnson found himself dealing with one scandal after another. Two coaches were banned for illegally switching balls and four players disciplined for off-field incidents which undermined Johnson's authority.

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## Barclays Premier League

<b>Everton</b> .....2	<b>Wolves</b> .....1
Jagiellka 44	Hunt 37 pen
Baines 83 pen	Att 33,953
HT 1-1	
<b>Man City</b> .....3	<b>Newcastle</b> .....1
Balotelli 41 pen	Cosing 89
Richards 44	
Agüero 72 pen	Att 47,408
HT 2-0	
<b>Norwich</b> .....1	<b>Arsenal</b> .....2
Morison 16	van Persie 26,59
HT 1-1	Att 26,801
<b>Stoke</b> .....2	<b>Q.P.R.</b> .....3
Walters 8	Helguson 22,54
Shawcross 64	Young 44
HT 1-2	Att 27,618
<b>Sunderland</b> .....0	<b>Fulham</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 37,688
<b>Swansea</b> .....L	<b>Man Utd</b> .....L
HT L-L	
<b>W.B.A.</b> .....2	<b>Bolton</b> .....1
Thomas 16	Klasnic 21 pen
HT 1-1	Att 26,221
<b>Wigan</b> .....3	<b>Blackburn</b> .....3
Gomez 7	Yakubu 2,90 pen
Caldwell 31	Hollett 59
Crusat 88	
HT 2-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	12	6	0	0	19	3	5	1	0	23	8	34
Man Utd	11	5	0	1	18	9	3	2	0	10	3	26
Newcastle	12	4	2	0	10	5	3	1	1	8	6	22
Chelsea	11	4	0	1	15	9	3	1	2	9	6	22
Spurs	10	3	0	1	10	7	4	1	1	11	8	22
Arsenal	12	5	0	1	12	4	2	1	3	13	18	22
Liverpool	11	2	4	0	8	5	3	0	2	6	5	19
A. Villa	11	2	1	1	10	6	0	4	1	5	10	11
Q.P.R.	12	1	3	2	5	9	3	0	3	8	13	15
W.B.A.	12	1	1	3	5	6	2	1	3	6	11	14
Norwich	12	2	2	1	10	9	1	2	3	7	11	13
Everton	11	2	1	3	6	8	1	2	3	5	10	11
Swansea	11	3	2	0	8	1	0	2	4	4	14	13
Stoke	12	2	2	2	7	7	1	1	4	3	15	12
Sunderland	12	1	3	2	9	7	1	2	3	5	6	11
Fulham	12	1	3	2	11	9	1	2	3	3	6	11
Wolves	12	1	0	5	6	13	0	4	2	10	14	9
Bolton	12	1	0	5	9	17	2	0	4	10	12	9
Blackburn	12	1	0	5	6	13	0	4	2	10	14	9
Wigan	12	1	0	5	8	11	0	1	5	2	12	6

## npower Championship

<b>Barnsley</b> .....2	<b>Doncaster</b> .....0
Davies 30,64	Att 11,783
HT 1-0	
<b>Birmingham</b> .....1	<b>Peterboro</b> .....1
King 22	McCann 61
HT 1-0	Att 18,090
<b>Burnley</b> .....1	<b>Leeds Utd</b> .....2
Rodriguez 10	Snodgrass 76,89
HT 1-0	Att 17,226
<b>Coventry</b> .....1	<b>West Ham</b> .....2
Platt 33	Cole 69
HT 1-0	Piquionne 75
<b>Derby City</b> .....0	<b>Hull</b> .....2
HT 0-2	Fryatt 17
<b>Middlesbrough</b> .....2	<b>Blackpool</b> .....2
McDonald 15,73	Sylvester 21
HT 1-1	Shelvey 78
<b>Nottm For</b> .....3	<b>Ipswich</b> .....2
Findley 42	Collins 25,62
Lynch 84	
Tudgay 90	Att 21,143
HT 1-1	
<b>Reading</b> .....1	<b>Cardiff</b> .....2
Keane 77	Whittingham 2
HT 0-1	Hudson 70
<b>SAINTS</b> .....3	<b>Brighton</b> .....0
Lambert 49,58 pen,69 pen	Att 20,361
HT 0-0	Att 31,812
<b>Watford</b> .....2	<b>POMPEY</b> .....0
Kightly 2	Att 12,864
HT 2-0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SAINTS	17	9	0	0	24	5	3	3	2	16	12	39
West Ham	17	4	2	2	14	9	6	2	1	16	5	34
Middlesbrough	17	3	6	0	12	7	5	1	2	10	7	31
Cardiff	17	5	2	1	17	10	3	4	2	14	11	30
Leeds Utd	17	4	2	2	12	12	4	2	3	16	14	28
Hull	16	4	0	3	7	7	4	3	2	9	8	27
Blackpool	17	5	1	2	14	6	2	4	3	14	15	26
Crystal P	16	3	1	1	8	4	0	4	1	0	9	25
Derby City	17	2	2	14	11	3	1	4	8	14	24	10
Peterboro	17	5	0	3	21	14	2	2	5	12	16	23
Brighton	17	3	3	2	12	10	3	2	4	7	10	23
Birmingham	14	4	3	0	9	2	2	1	4	10	13	22
Leicester	16	4	0	4	11	10	2	4	2	9	9	22
Reading	17	2	4	3	10	11	3	2	3	7	6	21
Barnsley	17	4	2	3	12	9	1	4	3	7	12	21
Ipswich	16	4	0	4	13	12	2	2	4	10	18	20
Nottm For	17	3	2	4	11	14	3	4	8	14	24	10
POMPEY	17	6	1	2	13	6	0	9	6	6	14	19
Watford	17	4	1	4	10	13	1	3	4	7	13	19
Millwall	16	3	4	1	12	5	1	2	5	7	13	18
Burnley	16	2	3	4	14	13	3	0	4	7	11	18
Bristol C	16	1	2	5	7	13	2	4	7	14	13	13
Coventry	17	2	3	4	10	12	0	3	5	4	14	12
Doncaster	17	1	3	4	5	11	2	0	7	8	19	12

## npower League One

<b>Brentford</b> .....L	<b>Charlton</b> .....L
Wright-Phillips 64	Att 8,095
HT 0-0	
<b>Colchester</b> .....1	<b>M K Dons</b> .....0
Heath 24	MacDonald 38,74
HT 1-2	Flanagan 45
<b>Huddersfield</b> .....2	<b>Notts Cnty</b> .....1
Rhodes 46,65	Att 4,247
HT 0-0	Bishop 90
<b>Leyton O</b> .....0	<b>Stevenage</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 8,862
<b>Oldham</b> .....5	<b>Chesterfield</b> .....2
Lee 3	Westcott 30
Simpson 12,17,33	Clarke 87
Kuol 58	Att 3,699
HT 4-1	Adams 84
<b>Preston</b> .....0	<b>Rochdale</b> .....1
HT 0-0	Att 10,456

<b>Scunthorpe</b> .....0	<b>Hartlepool</b> .....2
HT 0-1	Monkhouse 21
<b>Sheff Utd</b> .....1	<b>Carlisle</b> .....0
Evans 21	Att 16,840
HT 1-0	
<b>Tranmere</b> .....1	<b>Sheff Wed</b> .....2
Baxter 38	Lines 45
HT 1-1	Lowie 80
<b>Walsall</b> .....2	<b>Bury</b> .....4
Macken 28 pen	Sweeney 6
Bowerman 90	M Jones 46
HT 1-1	Schumacher 63
<b>Wycombe</b> .....0	<b>CHERRIES</b> .....1
HT 0-1	John-Lewis 87
<b>Yeovil</b> .....2	<b>Exeter</b> .....2
Blizzard 56	Upton 2
HT 1-2	Taylor 4
	Flynn 30 pen
	Att 5,635

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Charlton	17	5	3	0	21	7	7	1	1	18	7	40	
Huddersf	18	6	3	0	19	9	4	5	0	18	6	38	
Sheff Wed	18	7	1	0	18	5	4	2	4	15	19	36	
M K Dons	18	4	5	1	19	9	5	1	3	16	9	33	
Sheff Utd	18	6	2	2	21	14	3	3	2	11	8	32	
Notts Cnty	18	5	2	1	16	8	3	2	5	15	17	28	
Stevenage	18	4	3	2	15	10	3	3	3	9	8	27	
Tranmere	18	4	4	2	9	6	3	1	4	11	12	26	
Brentford	17	2	2	4	11	12	4	1	9	6	26		
Hartlepool	17	2	2	4	7	11	5	3	1	17	13	26	
Carlisle	18	3	2	3	13	16	4	3	3	11	12	26	
Oldham	18	4	2	3	13	11	3	2	4	14	18	25	
Bury	18	2	4	2	10	13	5	4	4	14	14	24	
Colchester	18	2	4	1	15	10	5	4	3	11	14	23	
Preston	17	4	1	4	17	19	3	1	4	14	16	23	
CHERRIES	18	2	1	5	8	13	4	3	3	14	13	22	
Leyton O	18	2	3	5	9	15	2	4	2	10	13	19	
Scunthorpe	18	2	4	1	14	15	1	5	3	9	12	18	
Rochdale	18	2	4	3	11	14	2	1	6	10	19	17	
Exeter	18	3	2	4	9	13	1	3	5	8	17	17	
Walsall	18	2	3	5	9	14	1	3	4	9	11	15	
Yeovil	18	2	2	6	11	17	0	5	3	9	13	13	
Wycombe	18	2	2	6	8	14	1	5	9	14	13		
Chesterfield	18	2	3	4	11	13	1	1	7	12	23	13	

## npower League Two

<b>AFC Wimbledon</b> .....1	<b>Swindon</b> .....3
Hatton 6	Connell 71
HT 1-0	Att 4,581
<b>Aldershot</b> .....1	<b>Gillingham</b> .....2
Davies 81	Nouble 7
HT 0-2	Whelpdale 36
<b>Bradford</b> .....2	<b>Rotherham</b> .....3
Mitchell 34	Grabban 22 pen
Flynn 90 pen	Revell 51
HT 1-1	Marshall 57
<b>Bristol R</b> .....0	<b>Barnet</b> .....2
McLeod 19	Att 10,551
HT 0-1	Byrne 90
<b>Cheltenham</b> .....2	<b>Port Vale</b> .....0
Duffy 55 pen	Att 5,024
Summerfield 69	
HT 0-0	
<b>Crawley</b> .....4	<b>Oxford Utd</b> .....2
Barnett 4,14	Constable 30
Drury 45	
Howell 52	Att 4,042
HT 3-1	
<b>Dagenham</b> .....2	<b>Southend</b> .....2
Ferdinand 21	Montano 13
Ogogo 49	Dickinson 33
HT 1-2	Att 3,259
<b>Hereford</b> .....2	<b>Burton Albion</b> .....3
Purdie 19 pen	Zola 24
Barkhuizen 34	Webster 90
HT 2-1	Kee 90
<b>Macclesfield</b> .....1	<b>Acc Stanley</b> .....7
Brisley 20	Stockley 78
HT 1-0	Att 1,792
<b>Morecambe</b> .....1	<b>Crewe</b> .....2
Ellison 69	Att 799
HT 0-0	Clayton 90
<b>Northampton</b> .....2	<b>Shrewsbury</b> .....7
Tozer 49	Wright 18,40
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Southend	18	6	2	1	16	6	7	0	2	20	11	41	
Crawley	18	8	1	1	2	14	9	4	2	2	14	15	39
Cheltenham	18	6	1	2	13	6	5	1	3	13	11	35	
Shrewsbury	18	6	2	0	1	4	14	5	4	2	4	16	34
Burton Albion	18	5	3	1	1	2	12	8	4	2	3	17	32
Morecambe	18	3	2	4	1	8	13	5	4	0	17	30	
Swindon	18	3	1	2	1	18	7	4	1	5	10	9	30
Gillingham	18	5	2	1	1	14	7	4	1	5	19	30	
Oxford Utd	18	4	4	0	1	7	7	4	1	5	10	33	
Torquay	18	4	4	2	23	17	3	2	3	8	9	27	
Rotherham	18	4	2	2	12	9	3	4	3	21	22	27	
AFC Wimbledon	18	3	3	4	3	18	21	4	2	2	9	11	
Port Vale	18	4	1	4	18	17	3	3	3	14	11	25	
Macclesfield	18	4	4	2	13	7	3	0	5	7	11	25	
Aldershot	18	3	1	5	9	9	4	1	4	14	13	23	
Crewe	18	2	1	5	10	14	5	0	5	11			
Bristol R	18	4	1	5	12	14	2	2	4	11	17	21	